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PM rolls out E20 fuel in Bengaluru, 14 other cities

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BENGALURU

The city of Bengaluru is among the ones that will have retail distribution of E20 fuel – a blend of 20% ethanol and 80% petrol – starting Monday.

Bengaluru is among the 15 cities across India that will get E20 fuel through outlets run by Indian Oil Corporation in the first phase, two months ahead of the Centre's initial rollout plan for April.

To be expanded

In the next two years its retailing would be expanded throughout the country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially announced the availability of E20 at the India Energy Week (IEW) 2023 and also kick-started a fuel dispenser here.

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SC to hear plea to annul lawyer's elevation as judge

The collegium came to know of the 'developments' concerning Victoria Gowri late, only after recommending her for appointment to the Madras High Court, says CJI Chandrachud

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Monday said in open court that the Supreme Court Collegium was not in the know about certain "developments" concerning advocate Victoria Gowri when it recommended her for appointment as a judge of the Madras High Court on January 17. The court listed for urgent hearing on Tuesday a petition filed by a group of lawyers accusing her of "hate speech" against minorities.

A Bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and M.M. Sundresh will hear the petition. However, the High Court has scheduled her swearing-in at 10.35 a.m.

The CJI's statement and the urgent listing came shortly after Law Minister Kiren Rijiju tweeted a list of 13 names, including of Ms. Gowri, who have been cleared for appointment as judges in the High Courts.

> There are certain developments which have taken place... the collegium has taken cognisance of what is drawn or came to our notice after we formulated our recommendation on the basis of the proposal of the Chief Justice of the High Court
>
> **D.Y. CHANDRACHUD**
> Chief Justice of India

The CJI first listed the lawyers' petition for Friday. Then, senior advocate Raju Ramachandran and advocate Sanchita Ain, representing the group, rushed to the courtroom of the Chief Justice at 1.20 p.m., seeking an opportunity to mention the case again, owing to an "extraordinary emergency". The Chief Justice agreed to hear him at 2 p.m., after the lunch break. When the Bench reassembled, Mr. Ramachandran apprised it of what had happened. He had spoken to Attorney-General R. Venkataramani and supplied him with a copy of the petition.

"Mr. Ramachandran, we have seen your petition. Since you had mentioned it in the morning, we had an occasion to read it... There are certain developments which have taken place, in the sense that the collegium has taken cognisance of what is drawn or came to our notice after we formulated our recommendation on the basis of the proposal of the Chief Justice of the High Court [Madras]... Now, since we have taken cognisance of these developments, what we can do is list this matter tomorrow morning. I will constitute a Bench and let this case go before the appropriate Bench," the CJI said, after a brief discussion with Justices P.S. Narasimha and J.B. Pardiwala on the Bench.

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Aftermath: Rescuers bringing out a girl from a collapsed building following an earthquake in Diyarbakir, Turkey. REUTERS

Over 2,600 killed as Turkey, Syria reel under earthquakes

Agence France-Presse
DIYARBAKIR

A major earthquake struck Turkey and Syria on Monday, killing more than 2,600 people and flattening thousands of buildings as rescuers dug with bare hands for survivors.

Dozens of nations have pledged aid since the 7.8-magnitude quake, which hit as people were still sleeping and amid freezing weather that has hampered emergency efforts.

Multi-storey apartment buildings full of residents were among the 3,400 structures reduced to rubble in Turkey, while Syria announced dozens of collapses, as well as damage to archaeological sites in Aleppo.

The initial quake was followed by dozens of aftershocks.

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Two killed as SUV runs over them

BENGALURU
Two people were killed and four others injured, when a SUV lost control and ran over them at the busy court complex junction on Nrupatunga Road on Monday.

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Over 100 students fall ill

MANGALURU
More than 100 students of City College of Nursing, Shakthi Nagar in the city, were admitted to different hospitals here late on Monday after they developed health complications due to suspected food poisoning in the hostels in which they were staying in Shakthi Nagar.

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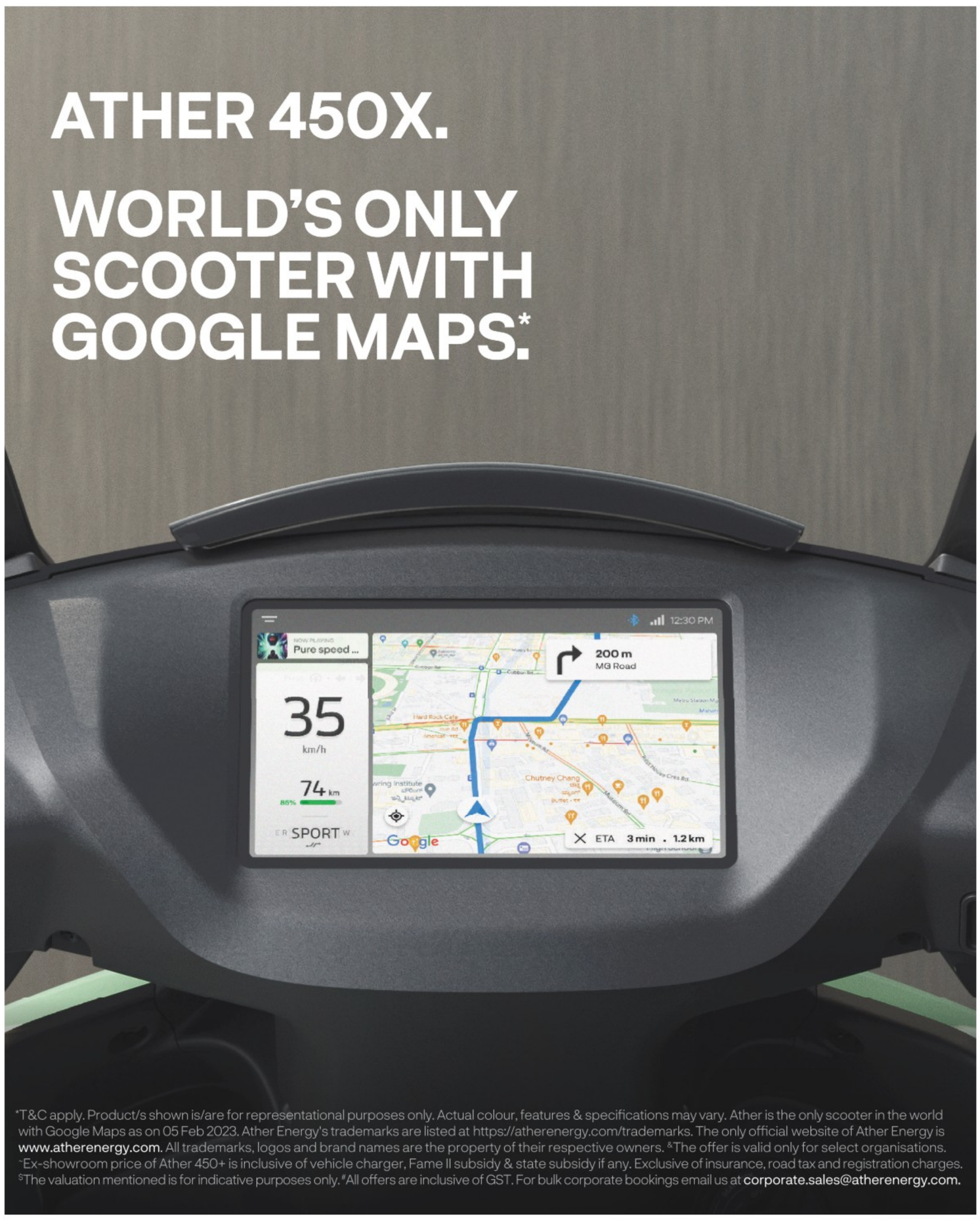

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

LIC Housing Finance profits decline due to high financing costs

37 In percentage, the decline in LIC Housing Finance Ltd's third-quarter, hit by higher financing costs and impairment charges which more than doubled. The company, a unit of Life Insurance Corp of India, said profit fell to ₹4.80 billion in the quarter ended December 31, from ₹7.67 billion a year earlier. Finance costs surged by 19.4%, accounting for 80% of expenses. Reuters

Assam recorded 17% teenage pregnancy in 2022, says Assam CM

1.04 In lakh, the number of pregnant women in Assam last year who were teenagers, according to Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. Amid protests in Barak Valley, Morigaon and Dhubri, the crackdown on child marriage in Assam entered the fourth day on Monday, with the number of arrests rising to 2,441 against the 4,074 FIRs filed in the State. PTI

Companies struck off from record for not submitting finances

1.27 In lakh, the number of companies struck off by the government from records for failing to submit their financial statements for two continuous financial years, according to Minister Rao Inderjit Singh. He was responding to a query on whether the government has implemented any safeguards for firms that unknowingly conduct business with shell companies. PTI

Vietnam authorities seize ivory smuggled in from Africa

600 In kg, the weight of ivory smuggled from Africa and caught by Vietnamese authorities over the past week. This has been the largest seizure of smuggled ivory in the country in more than four years. In 2018, the authorities had seized more than eight tonnes of ivory and pangolin scales in one of the country's largest wildlife trafficking cases. Reuters

Dell to slash thousands of jobs amid uncertain market future

6,650 The number of jobs that Dell Technologies Inc will be cutting in the coming days, as it struggles with a slump in the computer market and braces itself for a potential recession. The move aligns Dell with a host of companies that have laid off thousands this year. Reuters

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The state of ethnic democracy in Malaysia

As the PH coalition rises to power for the second time, observers are asking the following questions — is transformative politics in the offing in Malaysia, can the new coalition usher in democratic reforms and will ethnic democracy wither away in the deeply polarised country?

WORLD INSIGHT

M. Mahalingam

Malaysia held its 15th general election (GE) in November 2022 to put an end to the volatile political situation in the region – the fallout of two ruling coalitions in quick succession. Given the tectonic political landscape of Malaysia, the election delivered, unsurprisingly, the first hung Parliament of the country as none of the existing political coalitions secured a simple majority of 112 seats out of a total 222 seats in the Dewan Rakyat (lower house of Malaysian Parliament).

The unity government led by Pakatan Harapan (PH),(The Alliance of Hope) under the premiership of Mr. Anwar Ibrahim formed the government even though it fell short of a majority with its 82 seats. It could do so as it was backed by the former long-ruling coalition Barisan Nasional (BN) (National Front) led by the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) and regional parties like Gabungan Rakyat Sabah (GRS) and Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS) from the two states of Sabah and Sarawak of East Malaysia. The PH coalition is in power for the second time after its stint in 2018, and it advocates for a multi-cultural, inclusive, democratic, and modern Malaysia. As the PH coalition rises to power, Malaysian observers are asking the following questions – is transformative politics in the offing, can the PH coalition usher in democratic reforms and will ethnic democracy wither away in Malaysia?

A divided nation: Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim at an election campaign ahead of the 15th general elections of 2022. GETTY IMAGES

Malaysia's melting pot

Malaysia is a multi-ethnic, multi-racial, and multicultural country, comprising of an ethnic Malay majority, a plethora of indigenous communities, and ethnic minorities like the Chinese and the Indians. Malaysia adopted a consociational (a political system formed by the cooperation of different social groups on the basis of shared power) democracy, at the time of independence in 1957, as a viable governance model to manage its ethnic heterogeneous population effectively.

The ethnicity-based political system facilitated the formation of a multi-ethnic coalition, popularly known as the Alliance, to come to power. The Alliance was composed of the UMNO representing the Malay majority and minority ethnic political partners – the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA) and the Malaysian Indian Congress (MIC).

Consociational democracy was a successful political model from independence up until 1969. But after the unprecedented racial riot in 1969, the Alliance re-christened itself as the Barisan Nasional (BN) or the National Front, and embarked upon a model of politics to promote only Malay rights. This was unleashed by the UMNO which had a hegemonic political position in the ruling BN coalition which was in power for over six decades since independence until its replacement in the year 2018 by the Opposition forces led by the PH coalition. The UMNO assumed political legitimacy from its dominant position in the coalition and practised majoritarian politics. It used the Malaysian state as an apparatus to institutionalise Malay dominance, Malay language, Islam, and Malay culture in the public sphere. This hegemony was further accentuated through policy interventions.

The UMNO's plan was to implement pro-Bumiputera (favouring Malay populations) policies in education, employment, and civil services heralding in Malay ethnocracy in Malaysia. Special provisions have been enshrined in the constitution to establish 'Malay hegemony' such as making Malay language the official language, Islam the religion of the Federation and reserving lands for Malay populations. With its pro-Malay measures, there has been a bulging of the Malay middle class and the nascent Malay capitalist class. Thus, the UMNO gradually crafted a dominant political narrative – Malaysia for the Malays.

The legitimisation of such an ethnic democracy was feasible in Malaysia because of the numerically lower immigrant and ethnic minorities, namely the Chinese and the Indians.

The consequences of an ethnic model

However, by pursuing pro-Malay public policies, the UMNO-led ruling BN coalition has severely damaged the social fabric of Malaysia. The ethnic minorities face relative economic deprivation because of skewed socio-economic policies favouring the Malay majority. The unveiling of a 'cumulative marginalisation' facilitated the escalation of an ethnic uprising in Malaysia. The Malaysian Indian community organised a massive street protest, 'the Indian spring' in 2007 led by the Hindu Rights Action Force (HINDRAF) which highlighted the socio-economic and cultural predicaments of the Indian community under the grip of ethnic democracy. The fuelling of race and religious identity-based politics by the UMNO led to the erosion of social harmony which in turn led to the spike of ethnic conflicts between the Malays and the Indians as evidenced by incidents such as the Kampang Rawa in 1998, and the Kampang Medan in 2001.

The cultural politics of the UMNO has resulted in the rise of political Islam, sectarianism, communalism, racism, xenophobia, polarisation, cultural insularity, and puritanism. Moreover, due to blatant political patronage, crony capitalism, and nepotism, the Malaysian economy has been reeling under the 'middle-income trap' for several decades. The ethnic model of UMNO politics propelled a glaring economic inequality across races and the rural-urban divide. It has led to political corruption and fed the rise of kleptocratic political figures like Najib Razak – the ex-UMNO President and the sixth Prime Minister of Malaysia who was convicted for his involvement in the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) scandal.

An alternative

To counter the ethnic model of the UMNO, counter political narratives have emerged – 'Malaysia for all Malaysians' by multi-racial political parties like the Democratic Action Party (DAP) and the Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR). These parties are not homogenous and are afflicted with ideological ambiguities. For example, the DAP advocates for an egalitarian, secular Malaysia regardless of race and religion. The PKR, however, supports the special position of Malays, Islam as the state religion, preservation of Malay culture, and the promotion of Malay rights despite its progressive ideals and support for building a democratic, inclusive Malaysia for all Malaysians.

This ambiguity is represented quite clearly through Anwar Ibrahim, the tenth Prime Minister of Malaysia, the champion of inclusive and democratic Malaysia who heads the PH coalition. He has made it quite clear in his first statement that Malaysia is a multi-racial country with a special position for Malays, Islam, the Malay language, and Malay rights.

Given his liberal and democratic credentials, one can expect that the politics of 'dominance without Malay hegemony' may prevail under his regime instead of the politics of 'Malay dominance with hegemony' as in the case of the former long-ruling BN coalition led by the UMNO. As alternative politics is mired in contradictions, it is not a panacea for the ethnic model politics followed by the UMNO. Furthermore, the PH is facing a downward trend, despite the inclusion of newly enfranchised youth.

The current situation

Based on the outcome of the 15th general elections, even though the political legitimacy of UMNO-led BN is weakening, new coalitions like the Perikatan Nasional (PN) – an alliance comprising Parti Islam Se Malaysia (PAS), a conservative, Islamist party, and the Malaysian United Indigenous Part (BERSATU) – are gaining political legitimacy to carry forward the Malay agenda.

Therefore, race and religious-based identity politics are still a big challenge in Malaysia.

Due to the advent of competitive elite politics and the escalation of identity-based rhetoric, the fragmentation of political parties is looming large in the current Malaysian political landscape.

Given the fractured polity, multi-ethnic coalitions – the ruling as well as the opposition – are becoming more vulnerable as they are composed of political parties with conflicting ideologies and diverse interests.

Moreover, the fractured polity still favours the relevance of Malay hegemonic ethnic parties for political survival as well as for political stability (for both the ruling and the oppositional coalitions). For instance, the current ruling dispensation led by PH is backed by its arch-political rival the UMNO-led BN coalition.

Transformative politics or the politics of inclusion is not feasible in Malaysia under the current political circumstances. The new ruling political dispensation can therefore, only make cosmetic changes rather than deep democratic reforms.

Thus, within the fractured and divided polity of Malaysia, the paradoxical nature of alternative politics coupled with the discriminatory nature of the Malaysian constitution will ensure that Malaysia will follow an ethnic democracy, albeit a diluted version of it under the current ruling political dispensation.

Malaysia's transition from ethnic democracy or semi-democracy to an egalitarian or mature or multi-cultural democracy appears to be elusive under the current political circumstances.

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THE GIST

Malaysia held its 15th general election in November 2022 putting an end to the volatile political situation in the region. The election delivered the first hung Parliament of the country as none of the existing political coalitions secured a simple majority. The unity government led by Pakatan Harapan (PH),(The Alliance of Hope) under the premiership of Mr. Anwar Ibrahim formed the government even though it fell short of a majority with its 82 seats. It is backed by the former long-ruling coalition Barisan Nasional (BN) (National Front) led by the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO).

The consociational democracy model adopted by Malaysia was successful up until 1969. But after the unprecedented racial riot in 1969, the Barisan Nasional (BN) embarked upon a model of politics to promote only Malay rights. This was unleashed by the UMNO which had a hegemonic political position in the ruling BN coalition. The UMNO used the Malaysian state as an apparatus to institutionalise Malay dominance, Malay language, Islam, and Malay culture in the public sphere.

However, by pursuing pro-Malay public policies, the UMNO has severely damaged the social fabric of Malaysia. The unveiling of a 'cumulative marginalisation' facilitated the escalation of an ethnic uprising in Malaysia.

South Western Railway's MEMU train services to Kempegowda airport fails to get patronage

On an average, 90 people use the services to reach the Kempegowda airport halt station, and 12 to 15 people purchase tickets from the halt station to travel towards the city

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

It has been six months since the South Western Railway (SWR) started running MEMU trains to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), but there is no sign of improvement in the ridership. The affordable travel option, which costs ₹35 to travel from the city to the airport, has only a few takers.

The SWR is running eight pairs of trains (including six pairs of MEMU trains) on the section. MEMU train services are 'dedicated' for the benefit of air passengers and people working at the airport.

On an average, 90 people use the train services to reach the Kempegowda Airport halt station, and 12 to 15 people purchase tickets from the halt station to travel towards the city.

The SWR is running eight pairs of trains (including six pairs of MEMU trains) on the section. SUDHAKARA JAIN

'Win confidence'

Air passengers and airport employees using the train services opine that unless authorities make efforts to win the confidence of people, the services will not get good patronage.

Dileep Achaiah, an air passenger who often uses train services to reach the airport, said: "The SWR should make sure that train services are reliable for air passengers and employees working at the airport. There were instances of trains getting delayed when I used them. Off late, the punctuality has improved. To improve patronage, there is a need for giving wider publicity for the services at stations and the airport. At the departure gate of the airport, schedules of train services should be predominantly displayed so that people start using the services".

Rail activist Sanjeev Dyamannavar said: "The punctuality of the train services is very crucial and the travel time should be reduced by prioritising these services. The 35-km distance from the city to the airport takes more than an hour. The travel to reach the railway station and from the halt station to reach KIA, also consumes time. The SWR should work on reducing the travel time to reach the airport. Other factors include scheduling of the train timing, keeping in mind the working hours of employees at the airport".

In the past, to boost patronage, the SWR and Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), the operator of KIA, held discussions with other stakeholders to popularise the service among employees, but nothing seems to have yielded results so far.

Extending MEMU

Regular train users, who are relying on DEMU services from the Chickballapur side, say that once the MEMU services are extended beyond Devanahalli, ridership will increase further, as people would shift to trains to reach the KIA halt station or to commute to the city.

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> **SANJEEV DYAMANNAVAR,** Rail activist

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>
> **SHYAM SINGH,** Divisional Railway Manager of Bengaluru Division

Nandan Kurpad, who works at KIA and commutes daily from Chickballapur, said: "Every morning, I board a train at around 7.45 a.m. from Chickballapur and reach the KIA halt station at around 8.20 a.m. Earlier, I was spending close to ₹2,500 per month on fuel to reach my workplace. Now I spend ₹185 for a monthly pass. The train service is a more convenient option. However, during the evening hours, there are no train services after our work hours. I waited for two hours to board a train to reach Chickballpur. If DEMU services are provided at around 6.30 p.m., hundreds of people working at KIA will benefit".

He added that once the track electrification work is completed till Chickballapur, extending MEMU services till Chickballpur will bring a lot of changes in the ridership.

At present, on an average 10 people are travelling in a MEMU train that has a carrying capacity of close to 2,000 passengers.

Divisional Railway Manager of Bengaluru Division Shyam Singh said: "Last week also, I discussed with BIAL measures that need to be taken to improve patronage. Earlier, punctuality was an issue, owing to infrastructure development works. We have addressed the issue and the punctuality of services has improved. We are ready to implement suggestions, if they have any, including setting up special ticket counters to issue monthly passes, and others. We are also ready for stoppages at Bettahalasur and Doddajala stations, if the ridership improves."

On the extension of MEMU services, he said: "The electrification work is completed till Chickballapur. There are some electrification works that need to be done beyond Chickballapur. Once that is done, measures will be taken to extend the MEMU services".

General Manger of SWR Sanjeev Kishore had said that the division is carrying out a feasibility study on doubling the track between Yelahanka and Devanahalli. The existing single track poses operational constrains to run trains with good frequency.

Govt. orders ₹60 fee to be collected for preparatory exams for Class X students

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

SDMC Coordination Forum has condemned the move as an 'additional burden' on poor students

For the first time, the State government has ordered collecting ₹60, as fee for the preparatory examinations for Class X students.

In its notice, the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) has instructed all headmasters of high schools across the State to collect ₹60 as exam fee from students and deposit it with Block Education Officers.

The move has drawn the ire of parents and educationists alike.

H.N. Gopalakrishna, Director (Examination), KSEAB, defended the move, saying the exams will be held at the taluk level and the fee was being collected in accordance with an order from the government.

The School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) Coordination Forum has condemned the move as an "additional burden" on poor students.

"The board has already collected the fee and they have to conduct the preparatory examinations with that money. But collecting ₹60 again is a burden on poor families. Our forum urges the government to supply the question paper and answer sheets, and conduct the exams at the State level, as there is a lot of funds with the board," said Niranjanaradhya V.P., chief patron of the forum.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mahalakshmi, a parent, said that the examination fee was unethical as this was already included in the annual fee.

The board's move has been harshly condemned, especially given the background as to why the board took over the preparatory exams in the first place.

Earlier, the preparatory exams for Class X students were conducted by the High School Headmasters' Association, at the taluk and the district levels, after collecting an exam fee of ₹40-₹50.

However, following allegations of paper leak and misuse of exam funds, the KSEAB took over these exams in 2019-20 and held them at the State level without charging any fee.

The next two years, these exams were not held owing to the pandemic.

High Court directs release of ₹12.15 lakh seized in 2003 from public servant

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Petitioner was accused of accepting illegal gratification for allegedly allowing malpractices during the ITI examination in 2003

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the Special Court for Lokayukta police to return ₹12.15 lakh, seized in 2003 from the house of then Joint Director of the Department of Employment and Training, in connection with a corruption case.

Justice K. Natarajan passed the order while allowing an appeal filed by 67-year-old Shivalingamurthy, now retired.

The petitioner, along with then Director of the Department, was accused of accepting illegal gratification from certain persons for allegedly allowing malpractices during the ITI examination in 2003.

However, the Special Court for Lokayukta cases in 2018 acquitted him of all the charges, but had not passed the order for releasing the money seized from his house.

The amount seized was in addition to the ₹7 lakh, which was seized from two private individuals.

The Special Court had acquitted the petitioner as majority of the witnesses had turned hostile and no sufficient evidence was found.

While dismissing the appeal filed by the Lokayukta police against his acquittal, the High Court said that the ₹12.15 lakh will have to be released to the petitioner as the Lokayukta police had not booked him for possessing assets disproportionate to his known source of income, as seizure of this amount was different from the case of alleged demand and acceptance of ₹7 lakh.

One held, bikes recovered

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Jayanagar police on Monday arrested a habitual bike lifter and recovered 26 bikes, which he allegedly stole from in and around South Division.

The accused, Murali Ramarao, was arrested based on a scooter theft case reported in Jayanagar station.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intending to purchase property from **Sri.N.V.Sathyanarayana** in respect of Site No.312, Sy.No.20/5, vide BBMP Khatha No.227/200/312, Situated at **Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore** measuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 50 feet, total measuring **4000 Sq.ft.**, which is more fully described in the schedule herein under.

Any person or persons having/asserting any right title or interest/claims or intending to oppose the purchase in any manner may file their objections to the undersigned within **seven days** from the publication of Notice hereof with documentary proof where after no such claims will be entertained and my client will proceed with the purchase of the said property.

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78. **M : 9916343921**

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It is brought to the notice of the General Public that my client, Chinnu Rao., S/o Late Hemoji Rao has lost the original Sale Deed dated 28-3-1980 Executed by V.S. Ravoof Khan, S/o Sulthan Khan to Naseem Unnisa D/o, M. Abdul Khadar in respect of site No.2 & 3 in Survey No.235/2, of M.V. Extension, Hosakote, Bangalore Rural District, bearing Document No.2925/1979-80, Book I, Volume 1583, Pages 191-192. If Anybody finds or comes to know of the said original Sale Deed, may intimate or deliver the same to the undersigned who shall be suitably rewarded. Any claim or right of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property may also be notified to the undersigned.

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On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Tender is invited in E-Procurement to execute below mentioned work. To participate in E-Procurement, and for more information may be obtained in (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) website. For further Extension refer above mentioned website. No separate paper notification will be issued.

Name of work and Indent Number: Capital Dredging at Old Port Mangalore (Bengre Side) (**Indent Number 47**). Amount put to Tender **Rs. 24,47,87,400.00**, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD Amount) **Rs. 24.48 lakhs** (1.00 lakh e-payment + Rs. 23.48 lakh as mentioned in bid document.)

Last date for quarries: **10-02-2023 at 16.00 hours,** Date of receipt of Tender: **14.02.2023 at 17.00 hours**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Port & Fisheries Division, Udupi

DIPR/ADU/MCA/853/22-23 Dt.06.02.2023

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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No. D-34/39/2022-23/45 Date: 06/02/2023

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of President of India, The Deputy Director General & HOD, Remote Sensing and Aerial Surveys, Geological Survey of India, Vasudha Bhavan, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore invites Bids in Two Bid System through Government e-market (GeM) (www.gem.gov.in). from reputed and prudential supplier /Company/firms/institutions/Consortium etc. **for Outsourcing of Aerogeophysical Survey providers for carrying out Aero Geophysical Surveys for NAGMP Blocks-7, Blocks-9 and Blocks-10 & 12 in India.**

For participation and further details please visit GeM Portal (www.gem.gov.in) and http://www.gsi.gov.in

Dy.Director General & HOD
RSAS, GSI, Bangalore

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ಸಂ: ನಕೇಗಂ/ಕೇ.ವ/ಎ1/ಲೇ.ಸಾ.ಸ್ವ.ಸಾ./25/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04-02-2023

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi
No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-3/TENDER/2022-23/7085 DATE: 03/02/2023
Short Term E-Tender Notification (Call-2)

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Retenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 1 work under head of account 5054-SH Impts and 1 work under head of account 5054-MDR Impts. Totally 2 No. of works, Amount put to tender is Rs. 160.00 Lakhs for each work.

Calendar of events :1)Pre-bid meeting date: 08-02-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 10-02-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 13-02-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 15-02-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1677/KSMCA/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (MPED),
N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002

No.: EE-MPED/PR/Bidding/E-28204/2022-23 Date: 06.02.2023

NOTIFICATION INVITING E-BIDDING FOR OPTIONAL VENDOR BILL DISCOUNTING SYSTEM @ BBMP THROUGH E-PORTAL OF GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

(E-Bidding Notification, Eligibility Criteria and Terms and Conditions)

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike invites quotes from the scheduled commercial banks for Optional Vendor Bill Discounting System.

The complete details of the E-Bidding can be downloaded from the e-portal of the Government of Karnataka at the address below: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Schedule to Various Events for e-Bidding is as below:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Dates
1	Date of E-Bidding Notification	06.02.2023
2	Last date to upload the Declaration in Annexure-B in the e-portal	21.02.2023
3	Evaluation of Auction	23.02.2023
4	Live Auction	27.02.2023
	Timings	11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sd/- Executive Engineer (MPED), BBMP

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Sri.Vasanth Narayanamoorthy S/o. Sri. K. Narayana Moorthy & Miss. Priya Rajendrarao D/o. Sri. Rajendrarao have intend to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owner Smt. Prema. B. W/o. Sri. M. Ramachandra Residing at No. Hosahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore- 560 105.

If any persons having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential Plot bearing No. 19, measuring East to West 40 Ft. and North to South 30 Feet in all measuring 1200 Sq. Ft. in the Layout Known as "ANJANA SHREE GARDENS" formed out of converted land bearing Old Sy. No. 38, Later Sy. No. 38/10 New Sy. No. 55/3, conversion order No.ALN(AS)SR31/ 2021-22, dated 12-05-2022 situated at Hosahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk. and bounded on :-
East by : 25 Ft Road, West by : Site No. 28,
North by : Site No. 20, South by : Site No. 18.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
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Bangalore, Date : 06-02-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase
Item No.I:
Converted Sy.No.95/4, old Sy.No.95/2 measuring 11.04 Guntas, situated at **Nagondanahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore** and bounded on the:
East by : Sy.No.89;
West by : Road
North by : Sy.No.95/5;
South by : Sy.No.95/2;
from its Owner, **Sri.M.Ramesh** son of Sri.N.V.Muni Bairappa.
Item No.II:
Converted Sy.No.95/5, old Sy.No.95/2 measuring 11.04 Guntas, situated at **Nagondanahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore** and bounded on the:
East by : Sy.No.89;
West by : Road
North by : Sy.No.95/1;
South by : Sy.No.95/4;
from its Owner **Sri.M.Manjunath** son of Sri.N.V.Muni Bairappa.
Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/ claims with documentary evidence within **7 days** from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

Prashanth Vijayalakshmi & Associates, Advocates,
No.162, 1 Floor, 2nd Main, Next to Kanthi Sweets, Kasturinagar, Bangalore-560 043.

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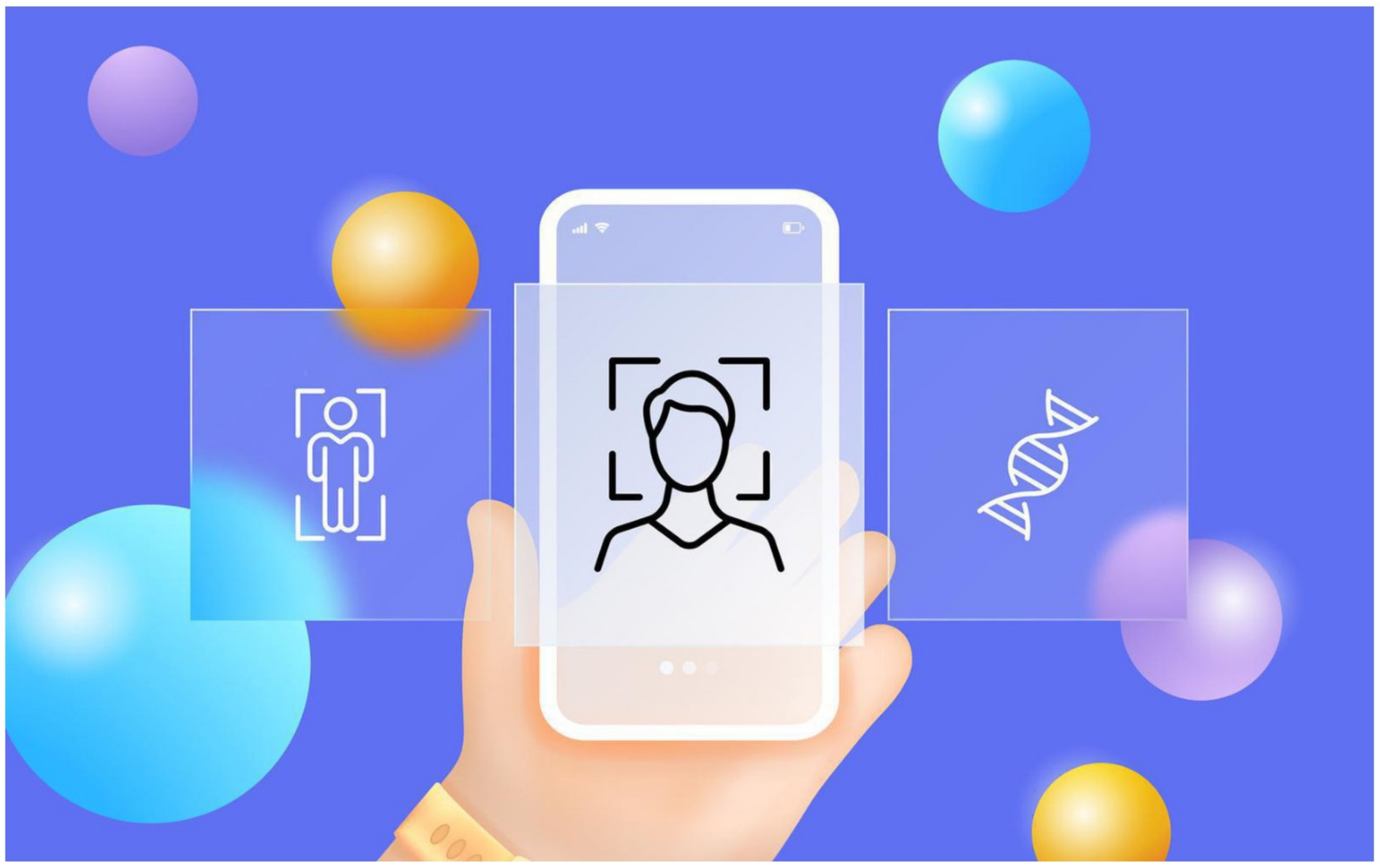

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Voice deepfakes: how they are generated, used, misused and differentiated

What was the controversy surrounding the 'voice cloning' service provider, ElevenLabs? What are the potential threats around artificial speech synthesis? Can audio deepfakes be detected? What is the concern regarding this technology and the creative industry?

Abhishek Chatterjee

The story so far:

On January 29, several users of the social media platform 4chan, used "speech synthesis" and "voice cloning" service provider, ElevenLabs, to make voice deepfakes of celebrities like Emma Watson, Joe Rogan, and Ben Shapiro. These deepfake audios made racist, abusive, and violent comments. Making deepfake voices to impersonate others without their consent is a serious concern that could have devastating consequences. In response to such use of their software, ElevenLabs tweeted saying, "While we see our tech being overwhelmingly applied to positive use, we also see an increasing number of voice cloning misuse cases."

What are voice deepfakes?

A voice deepfake is one that closely mimics a real person's voice. The voice can accurately replicate tonality, accents, cadence, and other unique characteristics of the target person. People use AI and robust computing power to generate such voice clones or synthetic voices. Sometimes it can take weeks to produce such voices, according to Speechify, a text-to-speech conversion app.

How are voice deepfakes created?

To create deepfakes one needs high-end computers with powerful graphics cards, leveraging cloud computing power. Powerful computing hardware can accelerate the process of rendering, which can take hours, days, and even weeks, depending on the process. Besides specialised tools and software, generating deepfakes need training data to be fed to AI models. This data are often original recordings of the target person's voice. AI can use this data to render an authentic-sounding voice, which can then be used to say anything.

What are the threats arising from the use of voice deepfakes?

Attackers are using such technology to defraud users, steal their identity, and to engage in various other illegal activities like phone scams and posting fake videos on social media platforms.

According to one of Speechify's blog posts, back in 2020, a manager from a bank in the UAE, received a phone call from someone he believed was a company director. The manager recognised the voice and authorised a transfer of $35 million. The manager had no idea that the company director's voice was cloned.

In an other instance, fraudsters used AI to mimic a business owner's voice directing the CEO of a UK-based energy firm to immediately transfer around $243,000 to the bank account of a Hungarian supplier of the company. The voice belonged to a fraudster who spoofed the CEO, *The Wall Street Journal* reported in 2019.

Voice deepfakes used in filmmaking have also raised ethical concerns about the use of the technology. Morgan Neville's documentary film on the late legendary chef Anthony Bourdain used voice-cloning software to make Bourdain say words he never spoke. This sparked criticism.

Gathering clear recordings of people's voices is getting easier and can be obtained through recorders, online interviews, and press conferences. Voice capture technology is also improving, making the data fed to AI models more accurate and leading to more believable deepfake voices. This could lead to scarier situations, Speechify highlighted in their blog.

What tools are used for voice cloning?

OpenAI's Vall-e, My Own Voice, Resemble, Descript, ReSpeecher, and iSpeech are some of the tools that can be used in voice cloning. ReSpeecher is the software used by Lucasfilm to create Luke Skywalker's voice in the *Mandalorian*.

What are the ways to detect voice deepfakes?

Detecting voice deepfakes need highly advanced technologies, software, and hardware to break down speech patterns, background noise, and other elements. Cybersecurity tools have yet to create foolproof ways to detect audio deepfakes, Speechify noted.

Research labs use watermarks and blockchain technologies to detect deepfake technology, but the tech designed to outsmart deepfake detectors is constantly evolving, Norton said in a blog post.

Programmes like Deeptrace are helping to provide protection. Deeptrace uses a combination of antivirus and spam filters that monitor incoming media and quarantine suspicious content, Norton noted.

Last year, researchers at the University of Florida developed a technique to measure acoustic and fluid dynamic differences between original voice samples of humans and those generated synthetically by computers. They estimated the arrangement of the human vocal tract during speech generation and showed that deepfakes often model impossible or highly unlikely anatomical arrangements.

Call centres can also take steps to mitigate the threat from voice deepfakes, according to voice recognition engineers at Pindrop. Callback functions can end suspicious calls and request an outbound call to the account owner for direct confirmation. Multifactor authentication (MFA) and anti-fraud solutions can also reduce deepfake risks. Pindrop mentioned factors like devising call metadata for ID verification, digital tone analysis, and key-press analysis for behavioural biometrics.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

One of India's most accomplished film directors, Ritwik Ghatak passed away on February 6, 1976. Here's a quiz on famous Bengali film directors and their work

Srinivasan Ramani

QUESTION 1

Ghatak's most well known works include his trilogy on the Partition and its effects on the people of Bengal on either side of the borders. Which film's title is loosely borrowed from a line from Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and details the tribulations of a young woman, whose poignant last words are "Dada, I want to survive"?

QUESTION 2

Ghatak's contemporary Satyajit Ray directed 36 films. Which film by him, which is both an analytical and a trenchant critique of the market economy, was based on a book by a writer who was bestowed the position of "Sheriff" of Kolkata and was later awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award in March 2021 for his work *Eka eka ekashi*.

QUESTION 3

Actor Dhritiman Chatterjee acted in two films by Ray & another auteur Mrinal Sen that depicted the period of the Naxalite movement in Kolkata. Ray's version was *Pratidwandi*, a film that combined realism and surrealism. What was Sen's film, the third of his own *Calcutta Trilogy,* made in 1973?

QUESTION 4

This Ajmer born Bengali director is well known for his many Hindi films associated with a "middle class sensibility". One of his best known works is a Hindi remake of Sidney Lumet's classic, *Twelve Angry Men*. Name him and the film.

QUESTION 5

One of the more poignant films made by this director, includes the Jaya Bhaduri-Amitabh Bachchan starrer which features Bhaduri playing a young woman suffering from pernicious anaemia. Name the film and the director.

Visual question:
This renowned filmmaker and director played a key role in Ray's multilingual film, *Shatranj ke Khiladi*. Name him. WIKIPEDIA COMMONS

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The Maori name for New Zealand. **Ans: Aotearoa**
2. The English names of the two islands of New Zealand. **Ans: North and South Island.**
3. Name the two New Zealanders to have won the Oscar for Best Director. **Ans: Peter Jackson's *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* and Jane Campion's *The Power of the Dog***
4. This player holds the distinction of being the only cricketer to be made a Knight while still playing. **Ans: Sir Richard Hadlee**
5. Name the flightless bird that is endemic to New Zealand. **Ans: Kiwi**
6. The Nobel Laureate who named the sub-atomic particle proton. **Ans: Ernest Rutherford**
7. New Zealand's national anthems. **Ans: 'God Save the King'; 'God Defend New Zealand'**
Visual: This New Zealander is featured on the five dollar note. **Ans: Sir Edmund Hillary, one the first two humans to summit Mt. Everest**
Early Birds: C. Saravanan| S. Sampath Kumar| Jagadish. S| Rohit Dashora| Visakh A. M.

KNOW YOUR ENGLISH

We are in no hurry; let us take the scenic route today

Be sure not to get in his car when we go on the trip tomorrow, he drives like a maniac

S. Upendran

What is the meaning of the expression 'the scenic route'? (B. Vijay Kumar, Chennai)

This is an expression used by native speakers of English in informal contexts. When you take the scenic route to some place you are going to, you do not take the direct or the shortest route. You choose to take the longer route. You do this because when you take this route, you go through some very interesting places; there are landscapes which simply dazzle you. While the shorter route may take you to your destination quickly, it may not have anything to offer in terms of eye candy – it might not have anything to offer in terms of beautiful scenery.

When we drove back from Hyderabad, we decided to take the scenic route.

The expression, at times, carries with it a negative connotation as well. When you accuse someone of having taken the scenic route regarding some matter, you are suggesting that he has delayed things. He has made a conscious decision to slow things down; work suffers.

Why is it taking you so long to finish writing the report? Are you taking the scenic route?

How is the word 'maniac' pronounced? (K. Balamurali, Vizag)

The first syllable is pronounced like the word 'main', while the 'i' in the second, sounds like the 'i' in 'kiss', 'miss' and 'hiss'. The final 'ac' sounds like the 'ack' in 'pack', 'back' and 'sack'. The word is pronounced 'MAY-ni-ack' with the stress on the first syllable. Some people wrongly pronounce the first syllable like the word 'man'. The word comes from the Greek 'maniakos' meaning 'raving with madness'. When you say that someone is a 'maniac', what you are suggesting is that the individual is insane; he does crazy things without worrying about the consequences. The individual does not really care about the dangers involved – whether to himself or to those around him.

The maniac climbed onto the stage and destroyed the set.

Nowadays, the word is also used to refer to someone who is interested in a specific activity. The individual has an uncontrollable desire to take part in it. It could be anything – watching films, playing/watching cricket, etc. It could even be baking cakes.

My cousin Sridhar is a maniac when it comes to games like cricket and tennis.

Sometimes, the word is combined with other words to describe a more serious form of madness. For example, we have the word 'kleptomaniac'; he is an individual who feels compelled to steal things. Other kinds of mania or a particular type of madness one frequently reads about are 'egomaniac', 'megalomaniac', 'pyromaniac', etc.

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Word of the day

Degustation:
taking a small amount into the mouth to test its quality (used as a noun)

Synonyms: savouring, tasting, relishing

Usage: *Her six-course degustation menu is very overpriced.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/degustationpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /dejgustejʃən/

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Timings
BENGALURU

TUESDAY, FEB. 07	
RISE	06:45 SET 18:23
RISE	19:46 SET 07:50
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 08	
RISE	06:44 SET 18:23
RISE	20:32 SET 08:27
THURSDAY, FEB. 09	
RISE	06:44 SET 18:23
RISE	21:19 SET 09:02

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	19
Mysuru	32	14
Bengaluru	31	17

Bengaluru Today
30°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be slight warm. Night will be slight cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
31°C A dry weather to continue. Day will be slight warm. Night will be slight cool with haze and mist.

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Two killed, four injured as SUV runs over them in freak accident on Nrupatunga Road

The vehicle was sporting a pass with the name of Hartal Halappa, BJP MLA, but the MLA was not inside it at the time of accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two people were killed and four others injured, when a SUV ran over them at the busy court complex junction on Nrupatunga Road on Monday.

The SUV was sporting a pass with the name of Hartal Halappa, BJP MLA, but the MLA was not in the vehicle during the time of the accident. It was later revealed that the car was registered in the name of Mr. Halappa's in-laws and they were allegedly using the pass to get some MLA privileges.

The pass with the name of Hartal Halappa, MLA.

As many as two cars and three bikes were damaged, a police officer, part of the inspection team, said. VIDEO GRAB

'Pressed accelerator'

The driver of the SUV, later identified as Mohan, 48, a resident of Yelahanka, told the police that he mistakenly pressed the accelerator instead of the brake, to stop before the signal, and lost control and collided with a series of vehicles.

Owing to the impact, two scooter riders came under the wheels of the car. While one was crushed to death on the spot, the other sustained multiple injuries and later died.

The deceased have been identified as Majeed Khan, 36, an automobile spare parts dealer and a resident of H.B.R. Layout, and Ayyappa, 60, a parking lot manager and a resident of K.G. Hall.

Four others were injured in the accident and they have been identified as Riyaz Pasha, Mohammed K. Riyaz, Mohammed Saleem, and Sher Gilani. They are being treated at private hospitals.

As many as two cars and three bikes were damaged, a police officer, part of the inspection team, said.

Traffic on the busy road was disrupted for some time, as the police struggled to contain the situation and shift the victims to the hospital. They finally took the driver into custody and seized the car.

People started accusing the driver of driving under the influence of alcohol and were infuriated after noticing the pass in the name of the MLA.

"I was coming out of the court complex and saw the car zoom past and hit a series of vehicles and crushed two people. It was like a movie scene and very shocking," Ramesh Kumar, a businessman at Chickpet said. "If the SUV had moved a few inches more, it would have caused even more casualties as more vehicles were waiting at the signal," he added.

Inquiries have now established that the car was registered in the name of Ramu Suresh, a retired Forest Officer and a resident of Yelahanka.

The driver was heading to fetch Mr. Halappa's daughter from KIMS College and was in a hurry to reach the college on time, when the accident occurred, a police officer said.

Mohan has been booked for causing death due to negligence and for rash and negligent driving. He was subjected to a medical examination and it was found that he was not drunk, the police added.

Contract health workers launch indefinite strike

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Health services in Karnataka are likely to be impacted from Tuesday as contractual health staff, appointed under the National Health Mission (NHM), have launched an indefinite strike, demanding job security and equal pay for equal work.

Over 5,000 contract workers, under the banner of the Karnataka State Health and Medical Education Department Contractual and Outsource Employees' Association (KSHCOEA), staged a protest demonstration, along with members of the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangha, at Freedom Park on Monday.

Association president Vishwaradhya H.Y. said following a protest by KSHCOEA in July, Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar had assured them that most of their demands would be considered and an order would be issued within three days. "But even after six months nothing has been done to consider our demands," he said.

The department has around 30,000 contract staff appointed under the NHM. This includes auxiliary nurse midwives (ANMs), staff nurses, doctors, lab technicians, and pharmacists.

"An ANM under NHM gets ₹10,000, but a permanent employee of the Health Department may get between ₹14,000 and ₹16,000. There is a lot of difference between the salaries of contract and permanent staff although the work is the same," he said.

Horticulture Minister Munirathna, along with officials from NHM, met the protesters and appealed to them to withdraw their strike. He assured them that the Health Minister would soon facilitate a meeting with the Chief Minister.

"But this time we will disperse only after getting the government's order in our hand," Mr. Vishwaradhya said.

Naveen Bhat, State Mission director, National Health Mission (NHM), said all District Health Officers (DHOs) have been directed to ensure health services are not hit. "Alternative arrangements will be made locally for the smooth functioning of healthcare facilities. Besides, the permanent staff have been asked to attend duties and cancel their leave if they applied prior to this," he said.

Chief Minister Bommai to inaugurate 108 Namma Clinics in BBMP limits today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will launch 108 Namma Clinics in BBMP limits on Tuesday. Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar said the inauguration will be done at the Namma Clinic in Mahalakshmipura ward of Mahalakshmi Layout and the remaining 107 clinics will also be launched simultaneously. All these 108 Namma Clinics will be made available for the public from Tuesday itself, informed the Minister.

On December 14 last year, the Chief Minister launched 100 Namma Clinics spread across the State at a function held at Bairidevarkoppa in Hubballi-Dharwad.

The clinics, which will function as urban health and wellness centres, are aimed at providing comprehensive primary healthcare to the poor, the vulnerable, and the underprivileged sections in urban areas.

A total of 438 Namma Clinics have been planned and these will aid in ensuring quality preventive and primary care for daily wagers, labourers etc., the Minister said.

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"Under the National Urban Health Mission, at present there is one primary health centre for every 50,000 population. Now under the grants of the 15th Finance Commission, we are establishing one primary health centre to cater to 15,000-20,000 population in urban areas. Out of the 438 Namma Clinics, 243 will be in BBMP and the rest 195 will be in districts," the Minister said.

"Referral facilities will also be available and patients requiring higher treatment will be referred to secondary and tertiary centres. This will not only reduce the cost of treatment but will also decentralise the healthcare services," he said.

Each clinic will have one doctor, one nursing staff, one lab technician, and one D group worker. A total of 12 healthcare services packages will be available, including ante-natal, post-natal care, adolescent care, immunisation, family planning, fertility, communicable diseases management, general and minor injuries, preventive care for NCDs, oral care, eye care, ENT, mental health, geriatric care, and laboratory services. Teleconsultation, wellness activities like yoga and referral services will also be available, the Minister explained.

Cybercriminals con people promising high returns in online trade

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The South Division Cyber Crime police are trying to track down a group of cybercriminals, who cheated two people, including a 44-year-old private firm employee, luring them with high returns on online trade, and made away with a total of ₹56 lakh.

One of the victims, Manoranjan Srivathsala, resident of J.P. Nagar 7th phase, in his complaint, said that the accused messaged him last September from a random number, with an offer to invest in gold trade to get high returns.

When Mr. Manoranjan responded, the accused sent him a link to register and to start investing. He invested small amounts and got good returns. When he tried to withdraw the amount, the accused asked him to invest a big amount, in order to withdraw.

Mr. Manoranjan invested ₹19 lakh and found the profit to be around ₹2.3 crore.

When he tried to withdraw the money, the accused, on the pretext of withdrawal charges, taxes, and other fees, made him pay ₹41.93 lakh and vanished.

After realising that he was duped, Mr. Manoranjan approached the police on Friday and filed a complaint.

A similar incident occurred with Saritha Nair, 44, resident of Kanakapura Road, who lost ₹15,86,037 to the fraud.

The accused approached her on the pretext of offering a job, of liking online videos to earn ₹25 to ₹50 per like. When Ms. Saritha showed an interest, the accused lured her into investing in online trade for quick returns. As soon as she invested ₹15.86 lakh, the accused wound up the process and vanished.

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (February 7, Tuesday), the following explainer is available:

- The state of ethnic democracy in Malaysia
bit.ly/malaysiademocracy

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Act against illegal methods of clearing STPs, say activists

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Civic activists in the city demand systematic action from the government following the death of two labourers workers near a sewage treatment plant (STP) in Prestige Falcon City apartment complex near Konanakunte.

They said that while the police should arrest the owners of the apartments in such instances, the government should ensure that the National Green Tribunal (NGT) guidelines about the cleaning of STPs should be followed.

K.B. Obalesh, State convener, Safai Karamchari Kavalu Samiti, said: "What has happened is a clear violation of Sections 7 and 8 of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 and is a non bailable offence. So far, no owners have been arrested in such cases. While we welcome FIRs, there should be arrests too. The BBMP, the BWSSB, and the KSPCB should also do proper regularisation of STPs and train those who do maintenance."

On Tuesday evening, the Bahutva Karnataka, a civic rights group, organised a candlelight vigil near Prestige Falcon City apartment complex as a sign of protest.

Popular artist B.K.S. Verma dead

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Popular artist B.K.S. Verma, 74, passed away in the city on Monday morning.

Known for his romantic style of art, he was also popular for his stage shows, where he painted to poetry renditions or dance performances before an audience.

Mr. Verma was born in Karnur village, Attibele, on the outskirts of Bengaluru in 1949 in a family of artists. His father was a musician and his mother a painter.

He was trained in art by the legendary art teacher A.N. Subbarao at the art and culture institution he founded, Kalamandir, in the 1960s.

Beauty of nature and scenes from the Hindu epics, The Ramayana and The Mahabharata, including portraits of Hindu gods and saints, remained his muses. He was a sought-after artist for celebrities looking for unique portraits of gods and saints.

B.K.S. Verma

Matinee idol Rajnikanth, for instance, had got a large portrait of Raghavendra Swamy done from Mr. Verma, which later became a big hit and one of most sold portraits of the saint today.

He was always open to experimentation and believed that art should be accessible to people. He illustrated works of fiction based on the epics, and later took to stage performances. "He first began experimenting with portraits using nails on small cards and later moved on to stage performances, where he painted to poetry or a dance performance using a thread. Though many tried to imitate his style, he remained unsurpassed in this on the stage," said senior artist C.S. Krishna Setty.

He was awarded the Rajyotsava Award in 2001 and an honorary doctorate by Bangalore University in 2011.

Policy dialogue series on Jal Jeevan Mission from February 17

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A series of policy dialogues on the Jal Jeevan Mission, which was launched by the Union government in 2019 to provide sustainable, affordable, adequate, and reliable drinking water supply to every rural household, will be held at the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB), starting February 17.

'Community engagement in local management and ownership of rural drinking water supply system' will be theme of the first session.

"The mission has now achieved more than three times of its prior coverage of households (16.72% in 2019, which increased to 55.58% by the end of 2022) with functional tap water connections. The distinct feature of the mission has been the utility approach of service delivery - functional tap, source sustainability, adequate quality water, and local community management of operations, and maintenance of the system along with required capacity building," said a press release from IIMB.

The policy dialogue will involve policy practitioners, researchers, non-profit organisations, and other stakeholders and will have four crucial focus areas, according to the release.

APPOINTMENT

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TENDER-NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited for Supply of Equipments / Instruments Required for Radiology, Anesthesia & Psychiatry Department, KIMS Koppal in a **two bid system** throughe-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from interested Tenderers. Tender Details mentioned below.

Tender Start Date: **06/02/2023** Tender Last Date: **21/02/2023**
Tender Approximate Cost: **144.74 Lakhs**

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Sd/-**Director,** KIMS, Koppal

Government of Karnataka
SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL WELFARE
5th Floor, M.S. Building, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore - 560 001, Phone No. 22253783, 22250963

No: SWD/ED-4/CR-986376/2022-23 Date: 04.02.2023

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Department of Social Welfare has invited E-Tender from the Manufactures and authorised Dealers for the supply of Branded 10 KVA Diesel Generator Sets for the use in Government Pre Metric & Post Metric hostels. The Tender document details can be downloaded through e-procurement portal in Government of Karnataka **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The Commencement of download e-tender form from website is date : **04.02.2023.** The last date and time for uploading of E-tender in E-Procurement platform on or before **date:06.03.2023 at 5.00 P.M.** Those who are interested to supply can participate in the process.

Sd/-
Joint Director (Education), Social Welfare Department Bangalore

DIPR/CP/4524/SHIRDI SAI/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(www.kpwd.gov.in)

Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Bangalore Division, 2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building, K.R. Circle, Bangalore-01
Telephone No. 080-22133370, Fax No. 080-22133365
Email ID: eepwdbngdn@yahoo.com
E-Portal : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Tender Notification No. 52/2022-23 Dated- 03.02.2023

Item-rate tenders, for the work in No.1 South, No.2 North, Devanahalli, Nelamangala & No.9 Building Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per e-procurement procedure. Tender Notification are Published for 02 works (**Rs. 1930.00 & 1949.00 Lakhs**) Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. **EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in E-procurement portal**. Eligible contractors interested in tendering for the work may apply for the tender through e-procurement.

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from Dated: **03.02.2023 onwards**.

2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 16:00 hours on dated **21.02.2023**

3) The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on dated **22.02.2023 at 16.30 hours** or further date and time will be Intimate.

For more details can be had from e-procurement portal (**http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**)

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Executive Engineer
DIPR/CP/4521/Zen/2022-23 **PWD, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.**

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ABDUL Javeed, R/o No.995, 12th Cross, 1st Stage, 3rd Block, HBR Layout, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru-560043 have changed my name to Syed Abdul Javeed vide affidavit dt: 04.02.2023 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHALINI Sunil R/o A-2, Preethi Anisha Apartment, Keshavaraj Layout, Opp Frank Anthony Public School, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008 have changed my name from Shalini Sunil to Shalini Arora vide Affidavit dated 04-02-2023 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, TAHSEEN, W/O. Allap Thagin Khan, R/O. 9/2, Grd Flr, 4th Mn, Khm Block, Ganganagar, Blr–32, have changed name to Tahseen Khan vide afdvt dtd 06/02/23

I, SACHIN D R have changed my name from SACHIN to SACHIN D R, for all future purposes by affidavit dated 06–02–2023, Sworn before the Notary SESHAGIRI, Bang 43

I, FARAH, R/o No.3/6, 1st Cross, B S A Road, Masjid Street, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560046 have changed my name to Farah Sharieff vide affidavit dt: 03.02.2023 sworn before Notary B.Chitra, B'lore

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE HON'BLE IX ADDL. JUDGE CITY CIVIL COURT AT BANGALORE (CCH-05).
Ex.Petition No.2668/2018

Between:
Mrs.Ayesha Inayath .....DHR
D/o. Late M.Y. Inayathulla Shariff,
W/o. Syed Hidayath,
R/at: S-3. Crescent Excelsior, 2nd floor, 1st cross, Opp: M.K. Ahmed Super Market, CBI Road, R.T. Nagar post, Bengaluru-560032.
And
Smt.Noorjahan And Others .....JDR
Notice to JDR No.5 By way of Paper Publication

TO
Smt. Afreen Inayath,
D/o. Late M.Y. Inayathulla Shariff,
W/o. Asif Iqbal,
R/at: No.100, 6th Cross, Krishnarajapuram, Hassan-573201.

Whereas, the above named DHR has filed above mentioned petition against you for the relief of enforcement of decree passed in O.S.No.7720/2015.

Therefore, you are hereby warned to appear before IX Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge (CCH-5) court, Bengaluru either in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the 22/02/2023 at 11'o clock in the forenoon to show cause against the said petition failing which the said petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this day-02-02- 2023

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Asst. Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Through,
M. Mohammed Ibrahim
Advocate
No.108, 1st Floor
House of Lords, St. Mark's Road, Bengaluru-560001.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S. NO: 25413/2022

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its Officer of Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Promod G,
Aged About 46 Years,
S/o. Mr. Gurumallappa
...Plaintff

AND
Mr. Parachuru Harish
S/o Mr. Venkatah Paruchur
Aged 29 years
No.63, 23rd Main RV Dental College To JP Nagar Police Station Road, Bangalore-560078 ...Defendant

Summons to Defendants

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 7,70,609.07/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Seventy Thousand Six Hundred Nine and paisa Seven Only)** apart from future interest of 16.50% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25413/2022** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH22**, Before 13th Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **03rd day of March, 2023** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on **27th day of January, 2023.**

By order of the court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayohall
Bengaluru- 560001

FX & CO.,
ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
Bengaluru- 560005.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client intends to purchase the property morefully described in the schedule hereunder from its present owner, **Ms. Sadhana Kyathappala,** daughter of late Basawaraj Patil, residing at 794, 9th A Main Road, near Nagarjuna Hotel, 1st Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560038, she having acquired title to the same under a Gift Deed dated 05.09.2022 registered as Document No. GNR-1-02468/2022-23, Book-I, C.D.No. GNRD1083 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar (Ganganagar) Bengaluru.

All persons/firms/companies/banks/financial institutions having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest by way of inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise, bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the Schedule Property herein below described, are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned at the below given address along with all the documents relating to such claim, within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained hereafter and I shall opine that the Schedule Property is free of any claims and my client will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

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On the East by : Road
On the West by : Site No. 175
On the North by : Site No. 149
On the South by : Site No. 151

Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038

Place: Bengaluru Date: 06.02.2023

E-Procurement Notice
GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
HIMACHAL PRADESH ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (HPRIDC)
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
(Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)
NATIONAL OPEN COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT

NAME OF WORK: Construction of Flyover at Vidhan sabha Junction and widening of Victory Tunnel junction (under Shimla Smart City Mission)

Dated: February....., 2023

The Chief Engineer –cum- Project Director, State Roads Projects, Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002, Himachal Pradesh, India on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites online bids (separate) for the construction of works detailed in the table:-

Name of Work	Bid Security (INR)	Cost of Document (Rs.) + GST	Period of Completion	Estimated Cost (INR), including GST	Date of availability of bid document	Last date & Time for submission/ opening of Bids
Construction of Flyover at Vidhan sabha Junction and widening of Victory Tunnel junction (under Shimla Smart City Mission)	57,83,758/-	5,900/-	24 Months	23.13 cr.	February 10, 2023	March 03, 2023 at 15:00 hrs / 15:30 hrs. IST

The detailed Request for Bids (RFB) Notice, Bidding Document alongwith other necessary information will be available on **https://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html** & **https://hptenders.gov.in/** link.

Note:- Any further addendum/Corrigendum to this RFB notice shall be available to all interested bidders on official web site of HPRIDC under https://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html & https://hptenders.gov.in/ link.

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Director (Projects)-cum-CE, State Roads Project, HPRIDCL, Nirman Bhawan, Shimla-171002

Government of Karnataka
Department of Collegiate and Technical Education
NO. 1, Unnatha Shikshana Soudha, Sheshadri Road, Bangalore – 560 001
Phone: 080 29701510, email: dce.tender2017@gmail.com

No.: DCE/ITS/PUR/02/2023-INFO- (Computer No. 982279) Date: 06.02.2023

E-Tender Notification

The Commissioner for Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore hereby invites bids in Two-Cover system through e-Procurement portal from eligible bidders for the following Tender. The Tender Documents with detailed terms and conditions may be obtained from the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Tender Schedules are as below

Sl. No.	Tender Name & Number	Date of Floating Tender on e- Procurement Portal	Date and Time of pre-bid meeting	Last date and Time for bidding through eprocurement portal
1.	**Tender No: DCE/2022-23/IND1126 call-2** "Supply of Desks to Government First Grade Colleges of the Department of Collegiate And Technical Education"	06/02/2023	09/02/2023 11.00 AM	20/02/2023 05.30 PM

DIPR/CP/4520/Zen/2022-23

Sd/-
Director of Collegiate Education, Bangalore, Karnataka

Shivamogga City Corporation, Shivamogga

ನಂ. ಶಿಮನಪಾಶಿ: ಕಾವಿ–2:ಟೆಂಡರ್:29/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.02.2023

Tender Notification (Through e-procurement)

Tenders have been invited in Single Cover System as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 1999-2000 and Act 2000 and Standard Tender Document Procedure through e-procurement portal to undertake the following works in the limits of Shivamogga City Corporation. Those who are interested in participating through e-procurement tender can obtain the details in website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

1.The last date for submission of application through e-procurement portal with e-payment : **20.02.2023 upto 4.00 P M.**

2. Date of opening of tender through e-procurement : **21.02.2023 after 4.30 P M.**

3. More details can be had from e-portal and other details from this office during office hours.

4. Time for completion of works : 03 months. Class of contractors: Class III and above.

5. Grants: City Corporation General Fund for the year 2022-23.

Sl. No. Indent No.146261 Details of works : **Construction works of Rain Water Drainage (CC drain), Cover Slab and CC Deck from Super Market in Depot Road to Manjunatha Canteen, Ward No. 27, Shivamogga.** Approximate amount (Rs in lakhs) **49.50**, EMD (in Rs) **123750.00**, Reservation : Others

Note: Any changes or corrigendum will be notified in e-portal only.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, (Division -2) City Corporation, Shivamogga

DIPR/SMG/No.52/ZENKAR/2020-21

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (RRN), Lakes Division, Room No.308, 3rd Floor, New Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: EE-RRNagar/Lakes/Tend-08/2022-23 Date: 06-02-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)

(Two Cover Tender) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer (RRN), Lakes Division, BBMP for the works mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Installation of Sluice Gate (Flood Escape Gate) for Lakes in RR Nagar Zone.	710.00	915000.00
2	Providing PMC for Installation of Sluice Gate (Flood Escape Gate) for Lakes in RR Nagar Zone.	710.00	50000.00

Calendar of Events: 1) Bid Documents can be downloaded from GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 09-02-2023. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **16-02-2023 at 15.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Executive Engineer (RR Nagar), Lakes, BBMP. 3)** Tenders must be Submitted online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 16.00 Hrs on 20-02-2023. 4)** Technical Bids will be Opened on **21-02-2023 at 16.30 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer (RR Nagar), Lakes, BBMP.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (RRN), Lakes Division, BBMP.

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(An Autonomous Institute of Govt. of Karnataka)
Office of the Director cum Dean, Fort, K.R. Road, Bengaluru - 560 002. Telephone: 080-26700810, Tele Fax: 080-26704342
E-mail: director_bmcri@yahoo.co.in

No: BMCRI/Sup(2)/03/2021-22 Dated: 06-02-2023

Re-E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Re-E-Tenders are invited for the Establishment of **'Food Court' in Vani Vilas Hospital, BMCRI, Bengaluru.**

Tender details, EMD details and other related details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the e-Procurement mode only. Website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Interested tenderers have to register in the e-Procurement portal, details of which can be viewed in the said website. **1)** Commencement date for Uploading of Tenders: **07-02-2023. 2)** Date of Pre Bid Meeting: **21-02-2023 at 3.00 PM. 3)** Last Date for Uploading the Tenders: **06-03-2023 before 4.30 PM. 4)** Date of Opening of Tender: **08-03-2023 at 11.30 AM.** For further details contact **Director cum Dean, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru.**

Sd/- Director cum Dean, BMCRI, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/4517/Adverto/2022-23

VATTIKUTI TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
CIN:U74900KA2010PTC052074
Regd. Off: Sy No. 7(P) And 93(P), 1st Floor, Electronic City Phase II, Industrial Area, Begur Hobli, Bangalore – 560100.
E-mail:**srisaikumar.nissankararao@altimetrik.com** Ph:**080-49054793**

NOTICE OF REDUCTION OF PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL

(C.P. NO.92/BB/2021 under Section 66 of the Companies Act,2013)

The Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Bengaluru Bench vide its order dated 11th January 2023 has approved for "Reduction of Paid-up Share capital" of the Company by approving the Minutes set forth herein below:

"The paid-up Share capital of "Vattikuti Technologies Private Limited" is henceforth **Rs. 17,18,70,240/-** (Rupees Seventeen Crore Eighteen Lakh Seventy Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Only) consisting of **1,71,87,024** (One Crore Seventy one Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Twenty Four Only) Equity Shares of Rs. 10/-(Rupees Ten Only) each fully paid-up, reduced from **Rs.34,18,70,240/-** (Rupees Thirty Four Crore Eighteen Lakh Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Forty Only) consisting of **3,41,87,024** (Three Crore Forty One Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand and Twenty Four Only) of Equity Shares of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten Only) each fully paid up".

This advertisement is being published as per the directions of the Hon'ble NCLT, Bengaluru Bench, vide its Order dated 11th January 2023 and copy of the said order has been submitted with the Registrar of Companies(ROC), Karnataka on 06.02.2023.

for Vattikuti Technologies Private Limited
Sd/- A Chandan Kumar
Director

Place: Bengaluru
Date:07.02.2023

Government of Karnataka
(Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

Tender Notification (Through e-procurement)

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On behalf of Governor of Karnataka and as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, item-war tenders are invited from the contractors registered in Panchayat Raj Engineering Dept/ Public Works Dept upto 2020-25 (Class 1 and above) through Standard Tender Document of Work KW-4 for the works in Bhadravathi and Shivamogga Taluks in the jurisdiction of Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga District. Those who are paying the cost of forms and EMD in e-payment may be paid through Credit/Debit cards.

1) Pre-bid meeting date and place : **On 06.02.2023 at 11.00 AM & 11.15 A M** at Executive Engineer's Office, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, DC Office premises, RTO Road, Shivamogga.

2.The last date for submission of filled-in application through e-procurement: **10.02.2023 upto 4.00 P M**

3. Date of opening of Technical bid : **13.02.2023 at 10.00 AM.**

4. Date of opening of Financial bid : 1**6.02.2023 at 11.00 A.M**.

5. Time for completion of works : **15 months.**

If one of the above dates happens to be declared a general holiday, the next working day will be considered. Tender details, conditions and corrigendum or changes can be obtained in the official website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**.

Sl No.	Indent No.	Name of the works	Amount put to tender (Rs in Lakhs)	EMD amount (In Rs)	Time for completion of works
1	RWSSD/ 2022-23/ WS/WORK _INDENT _51202/ CALL-4	Multi Village Water Supply Scheme covering Marashettyhalli and other 24 habitations in 17 villages of Bhadravathi taluk in Shivamogga district on DBOT basis under Jal Jeevan Mission.	3449.74	34,50,000/-	15 months
2	RWSSD/ 2022-23/ WS/WORK _INDENT _47494/ CALL-5	Multi Village Water Supply Scheme to Umblebailu, Kallahalli and other 28 Habitations of Shivamogga and Bhadravathi Taluks in Shivamogga District on DBOT basis under jal Jeevan Mission	1683.97	17,00,000/-	15 months

DIPR/SMG/No.66/Zenkar/2022-23

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga.

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Girinagar 3rd Phase (16222)

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: Sri. Roshan Kumar Singh,
Chief Manager
e -mail Id: sbi.16222@sbi.co.in,
Mobile No: +91 9449875517
Land Line No. (Office): 080-25943777

Address of the Branch:
#178, G M Plaza, Avalahalli Main Road, Girinagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru- 560085, Tel No: 080-25943777, Fax: 080-25943778, Email: sbi.16222@sbi.co.in

APPENDIX – IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
e-AUCTION ON 14.03.2023
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property (excluding movables, if any, lying in the premises) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Corporate Guarantor in particular, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis** on **14.03.2023** for recovery of **Rs.10,23,73,230/- (Rupees Ten Crore Twenty Three Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Only) excluding outstanding contingent liabilities – guarantees as on 03.02.2023** and further interest at contractual rate from **04.02.2023** with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., due to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India from the **Borrower: M/s Bulls Eye Media Pvt. Ltd.** and **Guarantors (1) Sri. Jeethmal Mutha**, S/o Sri. Bhimraj, Director, **(2) Sri. Babli Devi,** W/o Sri. Bhimraj, Director, **(3) Sri. Mukesh Kumar,** S/o Sri. Bhimraj, Director, **(4) Smt. Vandana,** D/o Shri Bhimraj, (W/o Shri Naresh), **(5) Shri Anant Murlidhar Zade,** S/o Shri. Murlidhar Hari Babu Zade, Director, **(6) Smt. Archana Anant Zade,** W/o Shri Anant Zade, **Corporate Guarantor & Mortgagor: M/s Sidhachal Constructions and Developers Pvt Ltd,** Represented by its Managing Director Shri Bhimraj.

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable property to be sold will be as under:

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment Amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.3,23,00,000/-	Rs.32,30,000/-	Rs.2,00,000/-	14.03.2023 From 11:00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.	13.03.2023 up to 4.00 p.m.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

PROPERTY NO: SBIN200040109446

All that piece and parcel of Plot bearing No.Block G-1, presently bearing Khata No.204, at Hebbal Housing Industrial Area formed in Sy. Nos.100 & 101 of Hebbal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk, measuring East to West 46.00 (Forty Six) Meters and North to South 44.00 (Forty Four) Meters standing in the name of M/s Shidhachala Constructions and Developers Pvt. Ltd., Represented by Managing Director, Shri Bhimraj, S/o Shri Mishrimalji, vide Sale Deed dated 10.04.2006 and Registered as Documents No.MYN-1-00780/2006-07 and CD No.MYND84 dated 10.04.2006 at SRO, Mysore (North) and bounded on: East by: Block – G (Part), West by: KIADB Road, North by: Block – G (Part), South by: KIADB Road.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE (1st AUCTION) UNDER "SARFAESI" ACT,2002.

The Borrower/Mortgagors/guarantors/Corporate Guarantor is hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the property as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer as mentioned above or Bank's Approved Resolution Agent M/s Goodwill Recovery and Financial Services Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru – Cell Nos.9886728350/8762662278

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Girinagar 3rd Phase Branch, Bengaluru, represented by its Authorised Officer, i.e., (1) www.sbi.co.in & (2) www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/-**
Date: 04.02.2023 **Authorised Officer**

FORM No. STK - 6
PUBLIC NOTICE

[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES, KARNATAKA
'E' WING, II FLOOR, KENDRIYA SADAN, KORAMANGALA, BANGALORE - 560 034

Public Notice No /STK-6 NOTICE /2023 **Date: 06.02.2023**

Reference:

In the matter of striking off or removal of names of companies under section 248 (2) of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of :

SL	COMPANY NAME	CIN
1	QUICK WORLD MARKETING PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2016FTC085987
2	KINESIS SPORTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U92419KA2006PTC038933
3	VIZAG FERRO TECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U13100KA2008PTC046516
4	KENTUCKY RENEWABLE ENERGY PRIVATELIMITED	U40100KA2008PTC047725
5	FORTUNE INNOVATIVE SERVICES PRIVATELIMITED	U64202KA2006PTC039021
6	WARNER HEALTHCARE LIMITED	U51397KA2009PLC050640
7	WIFI TRAINERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2016PTC098393
8	FUHUA BONILA TEXTILES PRIVATE LIMITED	U18101KA2005PTC038085
9	CARACAS FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED	U15549KA2015PTC078686
10	BSK AGRO ENGINEERING PRIVATE LIMITED	U01409KA2001PTC029655
11	DATAXIS RESEARCH PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2014FTC073062
12	FIRSTAMPLE TRADEWAYS PRIVATE LIMITED	U52100KA2014PTC075703
13	ARIEM TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2007PTC044045
14	OX HUMAN PERFORMANCE PRIVATE LIMITED	U92412KA2010PTC054143
15	NEW PLANET SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2000PTC026282
16	SCANTEX (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED	U17124KA2012FTC065765
17	IPROCESS INFO INDIAPRIVATE LIMITED	U72400KA2014PTC074118
18	GRALLO EVENT TRANS PRIVATE LIMITED	U63090KA2013PTC069368
19	EYE SPICE PRODUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U92100KA2014PTC074256
20	BHOOPALAM COMMERCIAL COMPLEX ANDINDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U55101KA1975PTC002719
21	PRECISION & AUSTEM PRIVATE LIMITED	U28133KA2015PTC078051
22	SPECADEL SOFTWARE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2012FTC065607
23	BAYSIDE ENTERTAINMENT PRIVATE LIMITED	U55101KA2016PTC085402
24	INTELLYTICS DIABETES INSTITUTE PRIVATELIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC101704
25	STOA SQUARES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC113369
26	AVESTHAGEN PHARMA INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2012FTC065991
27	KNOWLEDGEWORKS CONSULTING PRIVATELIMITED	U74140KA2009PTC050345
28	SANTWISSEN TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS PRIVATELIMITED	U74900KA2014PTC072845
29	NVEDAS TECHNOLOGIESPRIVATE LIMITED	U32304KA2017FTC104416
30	JACK OF ALL THREADSPRIVATE LIMITED	U18109KA2014PTC077532
31	I2INDIA IPR PRIVATELIMITED	U74900KA2007PTC079131
32	HIVECLUB TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2022PTC156215
33	XTL INFOSYSTEMS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2014FTC075337
34	UNITOR CAPITAL ADVISORS PRIVATE LIMITED	U67190KA2009PTC050000
35	BIORECLAMATIONIVT INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2014FTC073350
36	SI SOLUTIONS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72501KA2016FTC094427
37	SENAISSANCE SOFTWARE PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2011PTC058944
38	BHACHI TECHNOLOGIESPRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2014PTC074210
39	ULTRACARE CONCEPTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U85110KA1992PTC013552
40	NS2 PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2016PTC093829
41	KOLAM LIVING DESIGNS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC082912
42	ESSENTIAL ENERGY INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U40107KA2013PTC069221
43	DESIGNTEC INTERIORSPRIVATE LIMITED	U03610KA1999PTC025753
44	CARTPERK TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2014PTC073444
45	HOUZOME DECOR PRIVATE LIMITED	U74930KA2016PTC085490
46	ODINIX SOFTWARE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2013FTC068709
47	FIRCROFT INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2013PTC071908
48	BIXERA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PRIVATELIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC080071
49	SEMANTICS3 TECHNOLOGIES INDIA PRIVATELIMITED	U72200KA2015FTC081028
50	PRISMARO SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC081643
51	LUSSO VOYAGEUR PRIVATE LIMITED	U63040KA2006PTC038649
52	SEOLIM HOSPITALITY PRIVATE LIMITED	U55101KA2013PTC068987
53	TALKATIVE SOLUTIONSPRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2014PTC076306
54	OOBI MEDIA SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2011PTC059253
55	WINGS BUSINESS SERVICES & SOFTWAREPRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2010PTC055332
56	GREENDON BHARATI PRIVATE LIMITED	U50100KA2021PTC146034
57	STARCUBE IT INTEGRATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2016PTC085944
58	TIGHT ENGINEERING (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U34300KA2017OPC102230
59	SILVERSKYS ESTATES PRIVATE LIMITED	U70100KA2015PTC082328
60	RAVENCLAW EXIM PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909KA2018PTC119623
61	SPEZIAVITA PRIVATE LIMITED	U15400KA2017PTC105861
62	S-INDEX PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC141917
63	SP3 FOODSPREE PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2016PTC086036
64	IDMINE TECHNOLOGIESPRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2019PTC121584
65	CODER GEEKS TECH (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U72100KA2020OPC132361
66	SP SHARK TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2020PTC132477
67	VISION PLAY LABS PRIVATE LIMITED	U73100KA2020PTC133647
68	TALENTIV CONSULTINGPRIVATE LIMITED	U80221KA2016PTC092591
69	FLUID INFOSYSTEMS AND DESIGNS PRIVATELIMITED	U72200KA2007PTC043046
70	RECOLETO FASHION AND APPARELS PRIVATELIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC108320
71	PFI ACADEMY PRIVATELIMITED	U80903KA2015PTC081327
72	SEASHELL MEDISERVE PRIVATE LIMITED	U24110KA2013PTC068132
73	GENEXPRO OFFICE SOLUTIONS PRIVATELIMITED	U52609KA2018PTC114279
74	SUMMER TRIANGLE FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED	U15549KA2016PTC098223
75	IVAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PRIVATELIMITED	U74910KA2006PTC040804
76	HOMECAFE PRIVATE LIMITED	U01100KA2017PTC103062
77	DADEGA INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC123619
78	GRAIL CONSTRUCTIONSPRIVATE LIMITED	U45201KA2019PTC124131
79	CONRINK SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC114147
80	FOURCENT TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019FTC119974
81	WBK TRADING INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U51109KA2013PTC068829
82	ISANSYS HEALTHCARE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U33110KA2015PTC079818
83	CLEAN INTERFERENCE PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC128073
84	IOT4EDGE PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC131108
85	SYNAPSE TRADE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U05190KA2004PTC033297
86	ASHOKA APARTMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED ,	U85110KA1987PTC008613
87	VERACT SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2017PTC107910
88	ABAQUS PROPERTIES CONSULTING PRIVATELIMITED	U07010KA2003PTC031979
89	PATHI VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED	U17299KA2019PTC126000
90	AYUNAR INTERNET PRIVATE LIMITED	U51900KA2019PTC120799
91	ZINTO TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2021PTC148889
92	STORNETWARE SYSTEMSPRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2014PTC073543
93	BABLI FOODS PRIVATELIMITED	U55209KA2019PTC128020
94	STOCROOM TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2017PTC099128
95	ASPIRE CONSULTING AND RESEARCH PRIVATELIMITED	U72400KA2015PTC083989
96	BLUE IRIS HOTELS, RESORTS & ADVENTUREPRIVATE LIMITED	U55209KA2021PTC147923
97	SKIPHURDLE SOFTWARE(OPC) PRIVATELIMITED	U72900KA2018OPC116368
98	RUGRONOMY AGRO DEVELOPMENT PRIVATELIMITED	U01409KA2018PTC111911
99	UMMAD SERVICES INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC111240
100	INFISTRA WEB SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2015PTC079965
101	SOWLABHYA TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74994KA2016PTC093946
102	LEKTRIFY TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2016PTC097546
103	SWERTICA TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U93000KA2019PTC119957
104	ITALIND ENGINEERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U29299KA2004PTC034355
105	APPTITUDE INNOVATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2016PTC087081
106	BEDI'S HOMEO PRIVATE LIMITED	U85190KA2021PTC144687
107	FACTURE INTERNET SERVICE PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC113283
108	WEALTHGLITZ FINTECHPRIVATE LIMITED	U67100KA2019PTC123719
109	EDAPTIVA ACADEMY PRIVATE LIMITED	U80903KA2018PTC109851
110	VARNA AGRO PRODUCTSPRIVATE LIMITED	U01122KA2006PTC040095
111	PRIYADARSHINI PROJECTS ANDINFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED	U45200KA2012PTC064622
112	TIRTHANKARA FASHIONPRIVATE LIMITED	U17299KA2020PTC136088
113	ASOMBROSO TECHNOLOGY PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2021PTC150618
114	EXPLICO ADVISORS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC114471
115	CSYRUX TECHNOLOGIESPRIVATE LIMITED	U72500KA2018PTC110689
116	VSSTORY PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2020PTC138326
117	HASIRU BIOTEK AND BREEDING FARMPRIVATE LIMITED	U85110KA2000PTC027859
118	YOGA BIMBA PRIVATE LIMITED	U85300KA2016PTC093485
119	TRUCKAFE FOOD TRUCKS PRIVATE LIMITED	U55101KA2015PTC080525
120	KOOKI CONSUMER ELECTRONICS PRIVATELIMITED	U32109KA2013PTC067513
121	JUZOOL SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS PRIVATELIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC125248
122	DISCOVERTHREADS TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATELIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC083731
123	IMA FETAL CARE PRIVATE LIMITED	U85100KA2014PTC076469
124	JZEVA SIGNATURE JEWELCRAFTS PRIVATELIMITED	U52605KA2015PTC084269
125	FINBALL FINANCIAL SERVICES IMF PRIVATELIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC114630
126	AZILUS INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS INDIA PRIVATELIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC140634
127	TWC HENDERSON ISLAND PRIVATE LIMITED	U37100KA2021FTC143968
128	XSI SEMICONDUCTORS PRIVATE LIMITED	U31908KA2012PTC066823
129	NCPA WOOD DESIGN PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC119348
130	AMRUTHAAJYOTHIS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONPRIVATE LIMITED	U80904KA2020PTC133296
131	COKINETIC SYSTEMS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2006PTC039932
132	PAEANCHEM PHARMACEUTICALS PRIVATELIMITED	U24290KA2020PTC138757
133	BIZXEL BUSINESS IT SOLUTIONS PRIVATELIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC082542
134	AKSU MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT PRIVATELIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC109024
135	MATHAIR HOSPITALITYPRIVATE LIMITED	U55100KA2018PTC112213
136	GRANDVAULT HOLDINGSPRIVATE LIMITED	U65990KA2016PTC093390
137	SORIYA ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED	U52609KA2017PTC103984
138	KITCHEN CONNOISSEURS HOSPITALITY PRIVATELIMITED	U55101KA2016PTC098196
139	CREDITFIRST TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC132011
140	FORCEFUDGE EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENTSPRIVATE LIMITED	U92412KA2018PTC112538
141	HASIRU OILS PRIVATELIMITED	U11202KA2020PTC131398
142	WYPE TECHNOLOGIES INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC140388
143	COUNTERPART EXPORTSPRIVATE LIMITED	U51311KA1999PTC024934
144	TKR TEXTILES PRIVATE LIMITED	U17114KA2001PTC029331
145	R-QUESTORS INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2021PTC142964
146	SAFE PLATE PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2021PTC144766
147	WARM PLATES HOSPITALITY PRIVATE LIMITED	U55101KA2013PTC068240
148	BHANA TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2012PTC064986
149	VIBRANIUM TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC080467
150	TOYS WORLD PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC097240
151	FULLMEALS CREATIVE STUDIO PRIVATELIMITED	U92140KA2013PTC070069
152	PRAYAGAD PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2016PTC096154
153	TERRA TREE PROPERTIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U45201KA2006PTC038744
154	RARA SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2014PTC076619
155	BOHEMIAN PANDA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC099426
156	ANNALGOR TECHNOLOGIES (OPC) PRIVATELIMITED	U72900KA2020OPC131219
157	UNIVHIRE TECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U74910KA2019PTC126108
158	SINAN FOREX PRIVATELIMITED	U65999KA2006PTC038786
159	PRISTINE PAPER BAG MANUFACTURING ANDTRADING PRIVATE LIMITED	U21093KA2018PTC112120
160	PARAGON METALEX PRIVATE LIMITED	U31909KA1986PTC007664
161	EUNOMIA SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATELIMITED	U72200KA2012PTC066021
162	JEEMAJI RAMJI STONES PRIVATE LIMITED	U14290KA2013PTC070595
163	SOMA POWER PROJECTSPRIVATE LIMITED	U40101KA2007PTC041375
164	INTERLOCK SOLUTIONSPRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2021PTC145878
165	J.S.R. PROPERTIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U45201KA2007PTC043509
166	CLADEQUATE HEALTHCARE PRIVATE LIMITED	U85300KA2019PTC127080
167	AKSELOR IT & MEDIA SOLUTIONS PRIVATELIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC115908
168	STRATEGIES96 MANAGEMENT SERVICES PRIVATELIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC100258
169	GRAPHICART ESERVICES INDIA PRIVATELIMITED	U72200KA2013FTC070598
170	GAIA ENERGY PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U40104KA2013PTC068170
171	FRESH PASS NETWORK PRIVATE LIMITED	U63030KA2021PTC147528
172	FINEWAGON ECOM PRIVATE LIMITED	U52599KA2015PTC078292
173	STAR OF KARNATAKA HOLDING ANDMANUFACTURING PRIVATE LIMITED	U17100KA1981PTC004233
174	WARTHOG IMPORTERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U52605KA2019PTC121758
175	MASS INVESTMENTS AND FINANCIAL SERVICESPRIVATE LIMITED	U67120KA1992PTC013365
176	NEOALCHEMEO PRIVATELIMITED	U92490KA2020PTC142338
177	FIRST MILLION HOSPITALITY PRIVATELIMITED	U55100KA2019PTC130947
178	KCV LOGISTICS PARK PRIVATE LIMITED	U70100KA2019PTC129008
179	PUNARVASU INFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED	U45200KA2007PTC041817
180	SOHAM SHEEL ENERGY PRIVATE LIMITED	U40101KA2006PTC039808
181	RUSHI HEALTH PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U52609KA2021PTC149835
182	BLUTE LABS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC106807
183	CLOUDERIZER SYSTEMSPRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC116273
184	MEGHASANDESH AGRI TECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U01100KA2018PTC115478
185	BIRD360 TECH SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2021PTC153355
186	SNJGNOSIS SOLUTIONSPRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC140219
187	NEXT SPACE PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC094317
188	ADISHWAR MARKETING PRIVATE LIMITED	U52390KA2012PTC066517
189	KAAYENAVAACHA SOFTWARE (OPC) PRIVATELIMITED	U72900KA2018OPC109413
190	SHRI AGRASEN LOHA UDYOG PRIVATE LIMITED	U27100KA2012PTC064722
191	LARQ DESIGN PRIVATELIMITED	U45400KA2019PTC124516
192	STAPL CONNECT PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC121675
193	REVERSE LEARNING PRIVATE LIMITED	U80900KA2019PTC127593
194	MUDKINGS ADVENTURELABS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC094585
195	NEW SAI RAGHAVA BUILDERSANDDEVELOPERSPRIVATE LIMITED	U70100KA1995PTC016995
196	EKOSOFT SYNERGY PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909KA2017PTC100873
197	AERAA SPORTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC108218
198	B-AUTOMATE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U31900KA2019PTC130140
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202	GERRY MARTIN CONSERVATION EDUCATIONPRIVATE LIMITED	U80901KA2011PTC059929
203	MYCROFT SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS (INDIA)PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2008PTC048700
204	NOUS ENTERPRISES SOLUTIONS PRIVATELIMITED	U72200KA2000PTC026799
205	VSERVE 247 SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2006PTC040241
206	PI REVOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2017PTC100601
207	CROITRE MILLET PRIVATE LIMITED	U01820KA2019PTC119992
208	CRANITEK SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2012PTC065232
209	BINZ & BORIS ENGINEERING PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2013PTC071246
210	CPOWERN TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2017PTC106328
211	GLATO ENTERPRISE (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U52320KA2019OPC126887
212	TIFE TECHNOLOGY PRIVATE LIMITED	U31909KA2020PTC133307
213	ENGINEERING & BUSINESS ANALYTICS INDIAPRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2013PTC071322
214	ABELMATHEWS ENTERTAINMENT PRIVATELIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC118170
215	I2BI IT CONSULTING PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2008PTC048133
216	CURATORS INFOTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC138546
217	AZTEC RENEWABLES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC119390
218	MAISTAS RESTAURANTSPRIVATE LIMITED	U55100KA2009PTC049824
219	INSPIRATA INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2015FTC079856
220	TESS MANAGEMENT PRIVATE LIMITED	U74140KA2016PTC093541
221	TWIN TOWER ENTERTAINMENT PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC112165
222	MAPSTEIN DEVELOPERSPRIVATE LIMITED	U45500KA2018PTC110605
223	MAPSTEIN INFRA PRIVATE LIMITED	U45309KA2018PTC110604
224	SRI KOLLAPURIAMMA AGRO INDUSTRIESPRIVATE LIMITED	U01300KA1995PTC017118
225	GAMBHEER TUTORPOD PRIVATE LIMITED	U80904KA2018PTC115319
226	ADITYA ENDOSCOPY CENTRE (BELGAUM)PRIVATE LIMITED	U85195KA2008PTC047288
227	BASAVJYOTI RETAIL INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC106711
228	IMAGINN AI PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2019PTC123073
229	UPMG INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U01409KA2018PTC114550
230	DTLABZ R&D PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2016PTC097749
231	CONGEAL TECHNOLOGY PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC107852
232	CHRIS CHEMISTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC100489
233	ANAMALA HOMESTAYS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC112822
234	BLACK FOREST HERBALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC099025
235	JUGAAD FRUGAL INNOVATIONS PRIVATELIMITED	U29100KA2020PTC140722
236	FINGER MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U22210KA2016PTC085137
237	ROYAUME RESTAURANTSPRIVATE LIMITED	U55101KA2015PTC080105
238	VIVARIT ANALYTICS SOLUTIONS PRIVATELIMITED	U74999KA2012PTC062698
239	ADL PANELS PRIVATE LIMITED	U36999KA2019PTC130114
240	ADL PARTICLE BOARDS& MDF PRIVATELIMITED	U36101KA2019PTC130168
241	HAUPT CONSULTING PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2014PTC074569
242	GODAE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC084937
243	UXIT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC114730
244	KAVARA INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909KA2018PTC118567
245	SIRI ADITHYA HOTELSPRIVATE LIMITED	U55101KA2005PTC035469
246	EUROMAT HYDRAULICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U29100KA2019PTC130129
247	PORSHEN HYDRAULICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U29300KA2019PTC126519
248	SARWAM NATURALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909KA2017PTC104970
249	NAMAS TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2008PTC048052
250	NAPP MANAGEMENT SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016FTC095446
251	CENTIPEAKS TECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC081079
252	JAYANIDHI ASD PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2020PTC133854
253	LUECAS ASPERA TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATELIMITED	U72900KA2016PTC093647
254	SAASWORKS TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS PRIVATELIMITED	U72200KA2008PTC045202
255	CALLISTO INFOSOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72100KA2004PTC034418
256	TWEEN APPAREL MANUFACTURING PRIVATELIMITED	U51494KA2007PTC042449
257	SUCHI ECO BIO ENERGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U11200KA2019PTC122722
258	VIHA EDUCATION SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U80301KA2010PTC055653
259	HALFTIME EDUTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC098530
260	TRASH BANC (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U37100KA2019OPC123831
261	ZANUSYS SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATELIMITED	U72900KA2017PTC100347
262	UPG1 SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC125036
263	TRIVIMA TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC079717
264	WEBCEPTION IT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2016PTC086169
265	ZOMMODITY TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2016FTC094619
266	SPACEKNIT SOLUTIONSPRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2020PTC132759
267	AGRIOT WIFARM (FAAS) PRIVATE LIMITED	U01110KA2018PTC119778
268	RISING MINDS EDUCATION VENTURES PRIVATELIMITED	U80900KA2019PTC131146
269	GMS EDIBLE OILS PRIVATE LIMITED	U15490KA2012PTC070772
270	SUDHAMAANAS AGRO FARM EXPORTS (OPC)PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909KA2019OPC129726
271	BONDURANT STEEL DETAILING & DESIGN (OPC)PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2021OPC153618
272	RHISPRA TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC128509
273	FELIX GLOBAL FINTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2013PTC069514
274	WHAMI IT SYSTEM PRIVATE LIMITED	U72500KA2019PTC126512
275	LOTUS ENERGY SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U60200KA2013PTC070089
276	AI-UAS DEVELOPMENT INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019FTC130719
277	OCCULT TECHNOLOGIESPRIVATE LIMITED	U72400KA2008PTC048625
278	GREEN ENDEAVOR ECO PROJECTS PRIVATELIMITED	U40108KA2010PTC056244
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281	AEHED INLABS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC083323
282	ETT VENTURES AND CONSULTING PRIVATELIMITED	U72200KA2013PTC067998
283	ETT LEARNING PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2013PTC068521
284	MANIPAL PHARMA PRIVATE LIMITED	U85100KA2010PTC052866
285	GREENS GARDENING AND LANDSCAPINGCONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U93090KA2019PTC128236
286	TAJUCCO PHARMA PRIVATE LIMITED	U85190KA2010PTC052930
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291	LOGICSCALE SOFTWAREPRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2015PTC079155
292	WYSTERIA AGROTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U01114KA2016PTC093154
293	CATALYSTS TECH PARKS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45200KA2011PTC059763
294	TRIOO ADVERTISING &MEDIA SERVICESPRIVATE LIMITED	U93000KA2017PTC102671
295	MANIVARNAS BOOK DISTRIBUTORS PRIVATELIMITED	U22300KA2017PTC105055
296	DROIT HEALTHCARE (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016OPC095394
297	CONGRID POWER SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC097664
298	PERISSEIA GLOBAL SOLUTIONS PRIVATELIMITED	U72200KA2013PTC071359
299	SAV WOLKE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC124194
300	CUSTOMWARE MERCHANDISING PRIVATE LIMITED	U93090KA2017PTC105792
301	DEMAAHE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U63030KA2021PTC153513
302	DEEKSHITA DIGITAL SOLUTIONS PRIVATELIMITED	U72200KA2017PTC099261
303	BLACK VALK SECURITYPRIVATE LIMITED	U93000KA2017PTC101123
304	K2 HEALTH SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2016PTC086202
305	ROCKSTAT SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATELIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC080032
306	TEXSPIRA TECHNOLOGYPRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC130112
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308	JEEVAPURE PRIVATE LIMITED	U15317KA2020PTC138170
309	W3SYS SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS INDIA PRIVATELIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC116041
310	SHERLOCKS FRANCHISES PRIVATE LIMITED	U55109KA2016PTC092419
311	SOLACON KAYHECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U40106KA2018PTC119826
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316	TELANG HOLDINGS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45202KA1994PTC016747
317	AARABHI HOLDINGS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45202KA1994PTC016740
318	AMRITVARSHINI PROPERTIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U45202KA1994PTC016746
319	SURUTI HOLDINGS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45202KA1994PTC016736
320	SUMEDHA PROPERTIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U45202KA1994PTC016810
321	BILAHARI PROPERTIESPRIVATE LIMITED	U45202KA1994PTC016735
322	MALKAUNS PROPERTIESPRIVATE LIMITED	U45202KA1994PTC016739
323	BHAIRAVI HOLDINGS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45202KA1994PTC016748
324	SALIGRAMA PROPERTIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U45202KA1994PTC016811
325	SUHRUDAYA HOLDINGS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45202KA1994PTC016814
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330	TRUTHING TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2016FTC095159
331	ONVIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC105785
332	MERRYKIT SOFTWARE LAB PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2014PTC076857
333	MAHATHI BUSINESS CONSULTING ANDOUTSOURCING SERVICES (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2020OPC142066
334	GLORIOSA SUPERBA TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATELIMITED	U74999KA2020PTC134737
335	XL MANAGEMENT AND PROJECTS PRIVATELIMITED	U74140KA1991PTC011835
336	V-LINK SOFTECH (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020OPC138495
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338	SUBHAGA HOLDINGS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45202KA1994PTC016812
339	AUTOCRAT ENGINEERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U29297KA2005PTC036048
340	GODAE FOODS PRIVATELIMITED	U15122KA2016PTC086506
341	LAUREA SALES PRIVATE LIMITED	U52590KA2016PTC086183
342	BIMBA STARTUP LABS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC093889
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344	SUNVEN BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PRIVATELIMITED	U74900KA2016PTC085320
345	SKYONE TECHNOLOGY PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC136235
346	HIREDGRAD INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC095302
347	SM & KK TECHLABS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2014PTC074220
348	HANILA PRIVATE LIMITED	U01111KA2018PTC118511
349	TILDEHAT ONLINE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC130787
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351	SHIVAGIRI INFRASTRUCTURES PRIVATELIMITED	U45200KA2011PTC061125
352	SCINTILLATE LABS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC128390
353	ANTS HUNT PRIVATE LIMITED	U92412KA2020PTC131421
354	ALPHA ACE STORE CARE PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2011PTC060146
355	FETCHHOUSE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2016PTC085325
356	NEW ERA SURGICAL LASER CLINIC PRIVATELIMITED	U85110KA2005PTC036328
357	WASTE2WATTS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U40104KA2013PTC069824
358	REDWOODS SOFTWARE SERVICES (INDIA)PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC081658
359	BZB LEARNING PRIVATE LIMITED	U74994KA2019PTC121467
360	STYLE LAUNCHER PRIVATE LIMITED	U17309KA2019PTC126803
361	MOVING MOUNTAINS PRIVATE LIMITED	U60200KA2021PTC144368
362	INCITE CAM CENTRE PRIVATE LIMITED	U29248KA2014PTC072991
363	FRESHCONNECT TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATELIMITED	U51909KA2019PTC125715
364	PARASWANATH SOLAR POWER (ITAGI) PRIVATELIMITED	U40300KA2017PTC101150
365	PARASWANATH SOLAR POWER (KOPPAL) PRIVATELIMITED	U40300KA2017PTC101152
366	THE TRAVEL COMPANY (BANGALORE) PRIVATELIMITED	U63040KA1997PTC021641
367	URBANELEMENTS ECOMMERCE PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2015PTC080948
368	MVD PIPELINES PRIVATE LIMITED	U45309KA2020PTC140066
369	SREE LAKSHMIGOPAL BUILDERS ANDDEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45209KA2019PTC130596
370	DECIPHER EVENTS ANDSOLUTIONS PRIVATELIMITED	U93000KA2011PTC059201
371	SECTRAC AUTO BUSINESS SERVICES PRIVATELIMITED	U50400KA2019PTC127294
372	LEARNHIVE EDUCATIONPRIVATE LIMITED	U80301KA2010PTC056181
373	PADMINI MARKETING PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909KA1991PTC011801
374	DRXE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2021PTC152164
375	SCHEMATIC LABZ PRIVATE LIMITED	U73200KA2018PTC115977
376	TEAM 3 PROJECT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45205KA2014PTC073330
377	ECOWATER BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED	U15549KA2019PTC124791
378	PRUDENTEYE PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC105801
379	GNS POWER INFRA PRIVATE LIMITED	U70200KA2020PTC135899
380	MURTHY PETROLEUMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U23209KA2020PTC136057
381	WOODSTOCK ELECTRONICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U70100KA1995PTC018135
382	EDU-PAEDIA CONSULTANCY SERVICES PRIVATELIMITED	U74140KA2015PTC081909
383	AERITOR ENGINEERINGPRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC101647
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385	OJAL WATER TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U29304KA2018PTC114987
386	BUILDEZEE SOLUTIONSPRIVATE LIMITED	U52590KA2015PTC078932
387	BROWN MESH PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC142131
388	SIRTECHIE PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2021PTC155908
389	MINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS PRIVATELIMITED	U74999KA2001PTC028881
390	TIJOREE ECOM PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC099554
391	MINDBLOWING SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC129282
392	STREETGAINS ADVISORY SERVICES (OPC)PRIVATE LIMITED	U74140KA2015OPC084624
393	BEVEND EQUIPMENT PRIVATE LIMITED	U29308KA2017PTC102494
394	SOLVEX SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC130093
395	REKASSO TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019GAT126115
396	HIVEMATTER PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2020PTC137662
397	DOCESYS INFOTECH INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC109490
398	ACFIRE COMPUTING PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC078877
399	MABSTER BIOTECH (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U73100KA2020OPC137386
400	SLV PLANT TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U01122KA2009PTC050808
401	MABLER TECHNOLOGIESPRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC130733
402	IKARE MARKETING ANDWEB SOLUTIONSPRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2015PTC078627
403	CG FINANCIAL CONSULTANCY PRIVATE LIMITED	U74140KA2007PTC043541
404	ANALOG SEMICONDUCTORS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2014PTC073349
405	EK7 SOFTECH ANALYTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC110388
406	NAMU ECO ALTERNATIVES INDIA PRIVATELIMITED	U20219KA2013FTC070696
407	ROLETUNE PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC111710
408	ASTROVIS SOFTWARE LABS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74110KA2014PTC077133
409	RESPOCITI SOLUTIONSPRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2021PTC145630
410	MISTYWOOD FABRICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U17299KA2020PTC142538
411	LEANSCIENCE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED (OPC)	U85320KA2018OPC117252
412	PUPA LINKS LAB PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC114237
413	OFFROLLS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2021PTC146082
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415	SAPNA DOURADOS DREAMZ (OPC) PRIVATELIMITED	U93000KA2019OPC120524
416	WALKINGTEXT PRIVATELIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC122991
417	IDEAM ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS PRIVATELIMITED	U74999KA2020PTC135352
418	SRI ANANTHA IMPORTSAND EXPORTS (OPC)PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909KA2020OPC134471
419	ESKENT TOOLS PRIVATE LIMITED	U02893KA1984PTC006003
420	TRISANG VIDEO LABS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC131372
421	REALGRO ENTERPRISESPRIVATE LIMITED	U70200KA2020PTC138367
422	WE ARE EEE (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U40108KA2021OPC150239
423	PENTA FILOUS SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2015PTC081925
424	TALENTFORE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U93090KA2019PTC127394
425	SHAN EPC & INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U45204KA2008PTC071480
426	DIAPRIX WEB SOLUTION PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2016PTC087039
427	PADIVAL BROTHERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U65922KA1994PTC015558
428	SUWINA ENERGY PRIVATE LIMITED	U40300KA2016PTC085702
429	SMT PROPERTIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U45500KA2020PTC132038
430	MIDDLE TOWN FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED	U15490KA2020PTC132779
431	NORITECH ENGG MATERIALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC096103
432	NEW GENERATION CAREER SOLUTIONS PRIVATELIMITED	U80301KA2021PTC153322
433	KRSIKARMANTHA E-COMMERCE (OPC) PRIVATELIMITED	U74999KA2018OPC114174
434	QUIRKLOOM SAREES (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U18209KA2018OPC119358
435	VOYEZ DESIGN (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2020OPC136469
436	ADISID TRADING SOLUTIONS (OPC) PRIVATELIMITED	U52399KA2019OPC127159
437	STRAXIMM THERAPEUTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U73200KA2018PTC112490
438	ABHIVRUDDHI BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERSPRIVATE LIMITED	U45205KA2013PTC067944
439	PENGALA LEARNING PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2010PTC054516
440	SATNUR BUILDERS ANDDEVELOPERS PRIVATELIMITED	U70102KA2012PTC062784
441	VEVRA PODS MANUFACTURING PRIVATE LIMITED	U45202KA2020PTC138821
442	IGNYREX TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2015PTC078347
443	ROOSTER CONSULTING SERVICES PRIVATELIMITED	U72200KA2016PTC095787
444	WELLMARK LIFESCIENCES PRIVATE LIMITED	U51109KA2016PTC085640
445	ULTRA MEDIDENT PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC104671
446	ECOMAITREE CONCEPTSPRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC117318
447	MINIVET EXIM PRIVATE LIMITED	U01111KA2019PTC124084
448	POSHLEY DESIGNS (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018OPC111045
449	SPRIINGBOARD MOBTECPRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2016PTC086557
450	LOOMPALS MANUFACTURING & TRADING (OPC)PRIVATE LIMITED	U17299KA2021OPC146121
451	EKAM TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2015PTC082343
452	ZOISTRO TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC124764
453	SYNTRIVA TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74990KA2018PTC116435
454	MNR ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED	U45309KA2017PTC106500
455	GUBBI COCO PRODUCTSPRIVATE LIMITED	U74990KA2019PTC122729
456	SANVI INNOVATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72300KA2013PTC067826
457	JENUKAL COCO PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC121040
458	ANVITA ENERGY SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U40108KA2019PTC126492
459	PROARM TECHNOLOGIESPRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2016PTC094649
460	INCELL SERVICES INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2011PTC061689
461	SYNERGIFYIT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC139659
462	SHASUKA HOME SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U93091KA2019PTC122325
463	BYREDDY ENTERPRISESPRIVATE LIMITED	U24239KA2012PTC064346
464	ARTYPLANTZ NATURE REVITALISATION PRIVATELIMITED	U74900KA2012PTC063313
465	INTRAMART BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INDIAPRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2015FTC081317
466	BANGALORE BIOMASS ORGANICS PRIVATELIMITED	U24290KA2020PTC140125
467	ALPINEX COMMERCE SOLUTION (OPC) PRIVATELIMITED	U74999KA2020OPC139527
468	AIR PLUS PICTURES PRIVATE LIMITED	U92190KA2020PTC142116
469	5BARZ INDIA PRIVATELIMITED	U72200KA2015FTC078219
470	INCRUST OFFICE SOLUTIONS INTERIORSSPRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2015PTC080704
471	QUALCUBES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2017PTC105105
472	NEBRAS ELECTRONICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC106513
473	BELANI CUBATIC PROPERTIES PRIVATELIMITED	U45205KA2015PTC081677

Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company (ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company (ies) have obtained the status of dormant company, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.

2) Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.

3) Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off of name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

Sd/-
SANJAY SOOD
Registrar of Companies, Karnataka

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Prime Minister rolls out E20 fuel in Bengaluru

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launching E20 fuel and flagging off Green Mobility Rally on the occasion of India Energy Week 2023 in Bengaluru on Monday. Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai are seen. ANI

Mr. Modi said: "We have made remarkable success in ethanol blending in petrol. From 1.5% in 2014, we moved to 10% and now to 20%."

With 10% blending, the country saved a forex outgo of ₹53,894 crore, in addition, increased use of biofuels would lead to cut in emissions, the Prime Minister added. He further said that ethanol, primarily produced from sugarcane, corn, grain etc. was a suitable option as India was already a significant producer of these.

Solar cook-top

As part of its sustainability and environment protection initiatives IOC has also designed a patented indoor solar double burner cook-top, a hybrid solution that works on both solar and auxiliary energy sources, which would be made available to three crore families in the country in the next two to three years.

"In the next few years, solar cook-top will reach three crore households. There is a huge opportunity for investments in this sector," Mr. Modi said while unveiling the solar cook-top.

The oil firm also has a mandate to recycle 10 crore plastic bottles a year to produce fabric/poli yarn to be used in making uniforms for close to 35,000 of its employees. Elaborating on the converting plastic bottles to fabric exercise, Mr. Modi said: "If we target recycling of 10 crore such bottles a year, it will truly play a significant role in environment protection."

The Prime Minister also flagged off a Green Mobility Rally in the City to raise public awareness of green fuels and showcase vehicles powered by green energy.

INBRIEF

Siddaramaiah opposes closure of steel plant

On the day of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Karnataka, former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah condemned the Union government's decision to shut down Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant (VISP), a subsidiary of Steel Authority of India Ltd., at Bhadravathi in Shivamogga district, and demanded retraction of the closure. "The plant is a source of pride and livelihood for lakhs of Kannadigas and is what gives Bhadravathi its identity. VISP's closure will not just result in foregoing of all of these, but also an indispensable part of the State's history," said Mr. Siddaramaiah, in a letter to Mr. Modi.

India's growing energy demand offers investment opportunities: Modi

He says energy sector plays a major role in deciding future of the world in 21st century, and India is one of the strongest voices today in energy world

The Hindu Bureau
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi launching the Indoor Solar Cooking System - Double Burner Cook-top, at the India Energy Week in Bengaluru on Monday. K. MURALI KUMAR

India's energy demand has significantly increased and in the coming years, it will reach 11% of the global demand as compared to 5% currently, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi while inaugurating India Energy Week (IEW) 2023 in Bengaluru on Monday.

"Demand for energy in the country has grown significantly. This offers opportunities for energy companies to invest in and collaborate with energy firms in the country,' he said.

The energy sector played a major role in deciding the future of the world in the 21st century and India was one of the strongest voices today in developing new resources of energy and in the energy transition, the Prime Minister stated.

Also, the country has a chunky class of aspirational population and energy would play an important role in fulfilling the aspirations of these people, in fact, energy demand would be highest globally in India in coming years, Mr. Modi added, quoting the International Energy Agency.

He said the government, under the National Green Hydrogen Mission, had set aside ₹1 lakh crore for green hydrogen. The country was taking lead in the green hydrogen space, and would replace grey hydrogen (created from natural gas, or methane, using steam methane reformation but without capturing the greenhouse gases made in the process), to increase its share to 25% in the next five years.

Addressing a large audience of energy experts and captains of global energy companies, Mr. Modi said global and domestic investors should increase their presence in fossil fuel exploration in the country. Some 10 lakh square kilometres of 'no-go zones' were freed for energy exploration, he added.

Domestic exploration

Domestic exploration of fuels and an increase in production of such fuels was one of the focus areas for the energy sector in the country. "Based on investor sentiment we have reduced no-go areas in the country by 10 lakh square kms to facilitate exploration in inaccessible areas of the country,' he said.

The country's energy sector also focused on verticals such as supply diversification, expansion of bio-fuel, ethanol, solar and other alternative energy sources, and adoption of electric vehicles or hydrogen-based fuels for decarbonisation, the Prime Minister stated. According to the Prime Minister, in 2014, the length of the gas pipeline in India was around 14,000 kilometers, now it was over 22,000 km and the network was expected to cross 35,000 km in the next four to five years.

Speaking at the opening session of the event, Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, and Housing and Urban Affairs, said the country's energy landscape had undergone significant shifts in recent years. "To accommodate these changes, the government is prepared to play a catalyst in accelerating adoption of low-carbon options, including biofuels, electric vehicles, and green hydrogen,' he said.

Collaboration and transition towards low-carbon energy was crucial in the country's achievement of its climate change targets, he added.

IEW 2023, touted as India's first comprehensive energy event, covering the entire value chain in its year of G20 presidency, is designed to ensure energy security, affordability and accessibility, according to Mr. Puri.

Drones, Tejas aircraft show State's manufacturing strength: PM

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the unveiling of the light utility helicopter at HAL's helicopter manufacturing factory, in Tumakuru on Monday. ANI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that Karnataka's manufacturing sector's strength was exhibited in products ranging from drones to the Tejas fighter aircraft.

Mr. Modi, who dedicated the HAL helicopter factory in Tumakuru to the nation and lauded the talent and innovation of the State's youth, said the manufacturing sector's strength is manifested in products from drones to Tejas fighter planes. He also said that the "double-engine" government has made Karnataka the first choice for investors.

"The double-engine government is paying equal attention to social infrastructure as it is giving to physical infrastructure," said Mr. Modi who also laid the foundation stone for the Tumakuru Industrial Township and two Jal Jeevan Mission projects at Tiptur and Chikkanayakanahalli in Tumakuru.

He also highlighted that many defence equipment such as advanced assault rifles, tanks, aircraft carriers, helicopters, fighter jets, transport aircraft are being manufactured in the country which are being used by the Indian armed forces. He also claimed that the investment made in the aerospace sector in the last 8-9 years is five times the investment made before 2014.

Mr. Modi also attacked the Opposition for spreading misinformation about HAL and that propaganda to target his government in the name of HAL has failed. "Falsehood, no matter how big, frequent or high, is always defeated in the face of truth. This factory and the rising strength of HAL has exposed those who spread falsehood and wasted the precious time of the Parliament," said Mr. Modi. In the run-up to the 2019 general elections, the Congress led by then party president Rahul Gandhi had alleged that Mr. Modi was depriving HAL of the Rafale contract and that he was favouring the French aircraft manufacturer Dassault Aviation.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that the self-reliant India campaign is the second phase of independence as the country was moving away from dependence on foreign equipment by manufacturing its own. "If the freedom struggle was national movement 1.0, then the self-reliant India campaign is national movement 2.0," said Mr. Singh.

HAL's factory a one-stop solution for India's helicopter requirements

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HAL's new helicopter factory in Tumakuru, which was dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will become a one-stop solution for all helicopter requirements of the country.

The factory will produce hundreds of helicopters and generate business to the tune of ₹4 lakh crore, besides generating direct and indirect employment boosting the regional economy, Mr. Modi said.

Fully operational

According to HAL, the factory is fully operational as the heli-runway, flight hangar, final assembly hangar, structure assembly hangar, air traffic control (ATC) and various supporting service facilities have already been established. This factory is being equipped with state-of-the-art Industry 4.0 standard tools and techniques for its operations.

Initially, this factory will build the Light Utility Helicopter (LUH), an indigenously designed and developed 3-ton class, single engine multipurpose utility helicopter with unique feature of high manoeuvrability. It will initially produce around 30 helicopters per year, and it can be enhanced to 60 and then 90 helicopters per year in a phased manner.

The factory will also produce Indian Multi Role Helicopters (IMRH) and undertake Maintenance Repair & Overhaul (MRO) of helicopters in the future. On the occasion Mr. Modi also unveiled a LUH.

Modi inaugurating 'Congress projects': Ex-CM

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah being greeted with a silver mace at the Congress' Praja Dhwani Yatra in Kamalapur, Kalaburagi district, on Monday. ARUN KULKARNI

Responding to the dedication of HAL Helicopter Factory to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Bengaluru on Monday, Leader of Opposition in Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah said that the Prime Minister was coming to Karnataka just to inaugurate the projects that were initiated and completed by Congress governments.

"HAL helicopter factory was built during UPA government led by Congress. My government enacted legislation to upgrade Lambani Tandas into revenue villages and Kagodu Timmappa was Revenue Minister. Mr. Modi came to distribute land rights certificates to Lambani hamlet dwellers. We cooked food and BJP is simply serving it," Mr. Siddaramaiah said. He was speaking to mediapersons in Kalaburagi on Monday before leaving for the Congress' Praja Dhwani Yatra that was scheduled to be held in Kamalapur, Chincholi, and Sedam towns.

Criticising the BJP for its "corruption", the former Chief Minister said that BJP was over-dependent on Mr. Modi's charisma as it had nothing to show as its achievements in the State. "For BJP in the State, Narendra Modi is the capital," he said.

Kageri submits report to Lok Sabha Speaker

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A committee of presiding officers of State legislatures headed by Karnataka Legislative Assembly Speaker Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri on Monday submitted a report on guidelines framed for selecting the best MLA and best MLC in the country to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Prakash Birla.

Members of the committee held a meeting earlier in the day and submitted the report to Mr. Birla, said an official press release.

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(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri. Hombavenkataiah S/o Late Venkataiah has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from "Agriculture" Zone to "Residential" purpose under Sec a4(A) of KTCP Act 1961, pertaining Sy.No:1/2 Extent 01Acre-15 Guntas, Sy.No1/3 Extent 00Acre-38 Guntas, Sy.No: 1/4 Extent 00 Acre-05 Guntas, Sy.No: 1/5 (Part) Extent 01 Acre-18 Guntas, Sy.No: 1/6 Extent 01Acre-14 Guntas, Sy.No:1/7 (Part) Extent 00 Acre-01½ Guntas, Sy.No:1/10 Extent 0Acre-06Guntas, Sy.No: 6/1(Part) Extent 0Acre-01Guntas and Sy.No: 6/2(Part) Extent 00 Acre-24½ Guntas totally measuring 06Acre-03Guntas of Shyanumangala Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following:

1) If these lands are developed, therein well developed sites/houses will be available to all.
2) If these lands are developed, job facilities will be available to all sectors of labours.
3) If these lands are developed, surrounding area will also get developed.
4) If these lands are developed, good road, civic amenity sites and parks etc., will be available for General Public.
5) If these lands are developed and layout is formed thereon, it will help the workers working nearby Bidadi Industrial Area in obtaining residential sites/houses in the said land.

Objection, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bangalore in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 16 days from the publication of this notice. Any objection received after 16 days will not be considered.

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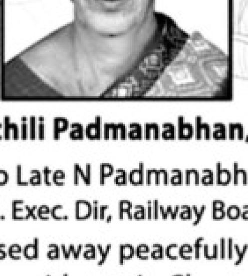
Mythili Padmanabhan, 81
(W/o Late N Padmanabhan Retd. Exec. Dir, Railway Board)
passed away peacefully at her residence in Chennai on February 5th, 2023
In mourning- Daughter Shobha & Son Venkatesh
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DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

14th ANNIVERSARY

R RAJALAKSHMI
W/O. Late Navalpakkam Rajagopalan
"You are living in our Hearts"
Fondly Remembered By
Raaghavan and Sudha
Krishnamurthy and Sandhya
Sampath and Jayshree
Radha and Selvakumar
Kalyani and Suryanarayan
Grand Children and Great Grand Children...

UDF launches stir in Kerala Assembly against fuel cess, tax hikes

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) on Monday launched an indefinite stir in the Kerala Assembly, demanding that the government revoke the "unfair" tax proposals and the ₹2 cess on petrol and diesel announced in the February 3 State Budget.

UDF MLAs Shafi Parambil, Najeeb Kanthapuram, Mathew Kuzhalnadan, and C.R. Mahesh began an indefinite satyagraha on the steps leading to the Assembly hall. Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan slammed the Budget as the worst one in the history of the State. "The State government has thrust an additional burden of ₹4,000 crore on the people. These proposals are unscientific and are sure to upset the State's economy and normal life," he said.

Reacting to the UDF decision, Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal defended the proposals and denied that the hikes were excessive. The proposals are in the best interests of the State and were necessitated by the adverse fiscal policies of the Union government, he said.

The Youth Congress also organised a protest march to the Assembly demanding repeal of the fuel cess.

Several protesters were later arrested.

Over 100 nursing students admitted to different hospitals in Mangaluru

The students of City College of Nursing complained of stomach ache, loose motion, and vomiting, according to the police

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

More than 100 students of City College of Nursing, Shakthi Nagar in the city, were admitted to different hospitals here late on Monday after they developed health complications due to suspected food poisoning in the hostels in which they were staying in Shakthi Nagar.

According to Police Commissioner N. Shashi Kumar, 137 students were admitted to different hospitals. Of them, 52 students were admitted to A.J. Hospital and Research Centre, Kuntikana, 42 students were in Father Muller Hospital, Kankanady, 18 were admitted to KMC Hospital, Ambedkar Circle, 14 in Unity Hospital, Falnir, eight in City Hospital and Research Centre, Kadri, and three students were in Mangala Hospital, Kadri.

People wait outside City Hospital where several students were admitted on Monday night due to suspected food poisoning. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The students complained of stomach ache, loose motion, and vomiting, the Police Commissioner told media persons. It is suspected to be a case of food poisoning, he said.

According to Dakshina Kannada Deputy Commissioner M.R. Ravi Kumar, the district administration was informed about the health complications at 8.30 p.m.

A student outside the City Hospital told *The Hindu* that the students were uncomfortable since Monday morning. It could be due to the food consumed at the hostels on Sunday night, she said. Students were in panic after they developed health complications.

SC to ascertain if woman is detained at home to prevent contact with her same-sex partner

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday decided to ascertain if a young woman in Kerala is being detained by her parents to avoid any contact with her same-sex partner or whether she is simply staying at home of her own free will.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud intervened when the partner, G.Devu, appealed to the Supreme Court. Ms. Devu said she and the other woman, both in their early twenties, were in a "romantic relationship".

She had moved the Kerala High Court in a *habeas corpus* petition. The High Court, she said in a petition filed through advocates Sriram Parakkat and Vishnu Shankar, instead of ordering the parents to produce their daughter in court, had directed a District Legal Service Authority officer to visit her home to determine whether or not the woman was actually under detention. Later on, the High Court had suggested a few "counselling sessions" for the woman. The CJI Bench stayed further proceedings before the High Court. It ordered the woman to be produced before the Family Court concerned on February 8.

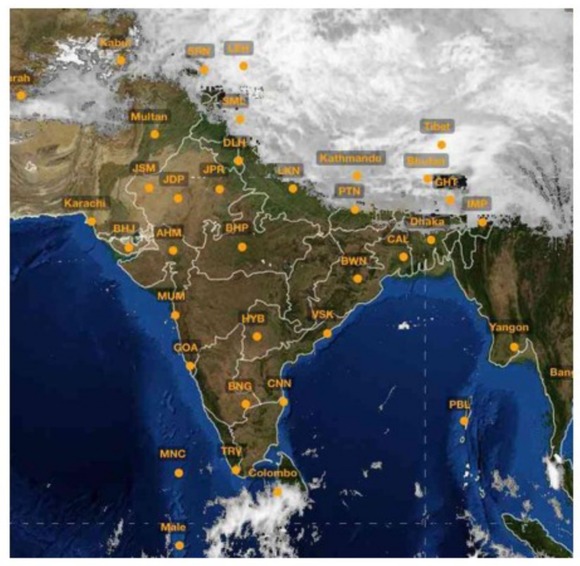
There she would interact with a senior judicial officer who is also a member of the Supreme Court e-committee. "The Principal Judge of the Family Court shall arrange for an interview of the detenu with Ms. Saleena VG Nair, a member of the E-Committee of the Supreme Court, who is a senior judicial officer from the State of Kerala. The interview shall be arranged in consultation with the Principal Judge of the Family Court," the Supreme Court ordered.

The senior judicial officer would not only consult the woman about her wishes but also ascertain whether she was under illegal detention. The Family Court Judge would ensure that the statement of the woman was recorded in a fair and free manner without any coercion.

A report of the meeting would be submitted in the court in a sealed cover before February 17, the next date of hearing.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Thunderstorm with lightning/hail likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura. Dense fog likely in isolated pockets over Sikkim and sub-Himalayan West Bengal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	26.7	11.6	Kozhikode	—	34.5	24.5
Ahmedabad	—	31.5	13.3	Kurnool	—	35.1	20.9
Aizawl	—	23.0	8.6	Lucknow	—	27.0	11.4
Allahabad	—	29.7	12.0	Madurai	—	32.7	18.2
Bengaluru	—	31.1	17.2	Mangaluru	—	32.6	22.6
Bhopal	—	31.2	12.2	Mumbai	—	31.8	18.0
Bhubaneswar	—	34.2	14.9	Mysuru	—	31.1	14.4
Chandigarh	—	26.5	12.0	New Delhi	—	29.0	9.2
Chennai	—	31.7	21.4	Patna	—	27.3	11.4
Coimbatore	—	33.0	18.0	Port Blair	—	31.3	25.5
Dehradun	—	25.3	9.2	Puducherry	—	31.0	18.8
Gangtok	—	13.2	9.0	Pune	—	34.4	15.0
Goa	—	33.4	20.8	Raipur	—	31.8	14.5
Guwahati	—	26.5	13.6	Ranchi	—	28.2	11.1
Hubballi	—	35.0	18.0	Shillong	—	18.0	8.0
Hyderabad	—	32.6	17.3	Shimla	0.6	14.4	4.4
Imphal	—	25.4	7.4	Srinagar	5	9.0	1.8
Jaipur	—	28.2	13.7	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.7	23.0
Kochi	—	30.8	24.6	Tiruchi	—	29.7	20.0
Kohima	—	22.0	8.6	Vijayawada	—	31.0	19.0
Kolkata	—	30.2	14.4	Visakhapatnam	—	30.0	20.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	8	14	27	230	204	
Bengaluru	3	25	30	76	93	
Chennai	25	44	41	180	118	
Delhi	14	324	76	376	307	
Hyderabad	5	53	42	158	151	
Kolkata	26	35	32	202	170	
Lucknow	20	90	42	254	200	
Mumbai	11	156	64	301	158	
Pune	—	22	47	302	182	
Visakhapatnam	—	—	—	—	—	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Samastipur, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 405 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Maihar, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 28

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Decks cleared for AIADMK's nominee for byelection

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The decks were cleared on Monday for the AIADMK to put up former MLA K.S. Thennarasu in the Erode (East) by-election, with the Election Commission (EC) forwarding to Returning Officer (RO) K. Sivakumar documents submitted by the party's presidium chairman, A. Tamilmagan Hussain.

Earlier, the faction, led by ousted coordinator O. Panneerselvam, announced in Chennai the withdrawal of its candidate B. Senthil Murugan, who filed his nomination on Friday last. A communication, sent by Under-Secretary in the EC Manish Kumar to the RO, referred to the Supreme Court's interim order issued last week. The development followed Mr. Hussain presenting the documents to the EC in New Delhi.

Mr. Thennarasu has been nominated by AIADMK interim general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami as the candidate of his camp. The byelection is scheduled for February 27. Explaining the latest move of the Panneerselvam's camp, K.P. Krishnan, deputy coordinator and a former Minister, said the decision had been made as his camp had emerged "victorious" from several measures taken.

ANNA UNIVERSITY
CHENNAI - 600 025

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Ref. No. 05/CPO/RCC/CCC/i7DC/2023

On-line Tenders in Two Bid System are invited for procurement of following Item for the Anna University Regional Campuses & University Colleges of Engineering.

Sl.No.	Name of the equipment / item	Qty.	Approx. Cost Rs.
1.	i7 Desktop Computer	1248 Nos.	8,73,60,000/-

The tender documents can be downloaded by registering in the website **https://tntenders.gov.in** from **11.00 am on 07.02.2023**. The filled-in tender documents can be submitted by uploading in the website up to **03.00 pm on 09.03.2023** and will be opened at **03.00 pm on 10.03.2023.** Other detailed tender conditions, future corrigenda etc., please visit the website **(https://tntenders.gov.in).**

DIPR. 783 /Tender/2023 **REGISTRAR i/c**

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL. IBC Division No.1, Kembhavi.
Tq: Shorapur. Dt: Yadgiri, Phone no.08443278674
Email:-ee_ibcdiv1kembhavi@yahoo.com

No: KBJNL/IBC/D-1/PB-1/Tender/2022-23/1107 Date:03-02-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL IBC Divn No-1 Kembhavi, the under signed invites tenders on 1). Design, supply, errection, testing and commissioning 1x17.5 MVA 110/6.6 KV, Step down power transformer, copper wound ONAN with OLTC+5%-15% in steps 1.25% with copper density limited to 1.8 amps/sqmm for both HV and LV windings with 10% spare oil complete with maintenance for a period of five years at ILC head works Kembhavi (New power transformer)(I.N.23749). tender amount Rs. 423.00Lakhs EMD:7.50Lakhs. 2). Design, supply, installation,Testing and commissioning of New 17.5 MVA 110/6.6 KV step down power transformer with buy back system of failed 17.5 MVA 110/6.6 KV M/s Alstom make as is where is in condition at Indi lift head works, Kembhavi with maintenance for a period of five years. (I.N.23748) tender amount Rs. 412.00lakhs EMD:7.30 Lakhs percentage basis from The contractor should have registration certificate of Super grade Electrical contractor /Electrical contractor license in any one of the Indian states/reputed manufacturer of 110/6.6kv,17.5MVA step down power Transformer or above. The tenderers are required to submit tenders in two cover system (The blank tenders can be obtained through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through electronic tender box).

1. The contractors can request for e-tendering documents from 06-02-2023 to 24-02-2023 in the web site http: www. eproc.karnataka.gov.in / e-portal. 2. Last date for Submission of completed e-tendering documents will be 24-02-2023 upto 4.30 PM 3. A pre-bid conference will be held on 16-02-2023 at 11.00 AM at the office of the Chief Engineer canal zone-2 Rampur. 4.Technical bid shall be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.IBC div no.1 Kembhavi on 28-02-2023 at 11.00 AM. In respect of bidders whose tender fee has been confirmed on the e - Tendering platform. 5. Financial bid shall be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.IBC div no.1 Kembhavi on 02-03-2023 at 11.00 AM. In respect of bidders whose tender fee has been confirmed on the e - Tendering platform. 6. If any of the dates mentioned above happened to be a general holiday, the next working day holds good. 7. Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIP/Yadagiri/460/K.S.M.C&A 2022-23 **KBJNL IBC Division-1 Kembhavi,**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division,
Beguru Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 068.

No: BBMP/EE/BD/TEND-12/2022-23 **Date: 06.02.2023**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only) (Single & Two Cover Tender)
(STANDARD TENDER DOCUMENT KW - 1, 2, 3)

The Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, BBMP Bengaluru-68 invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with KPWD/CPWD/BWSSB/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works/Category	Apprx. Value of Work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	Providing Rain water Harvesting in BBMP Buildings in Bommanahalli Constituency AC-175. (4th Call). (Others)	4.00	10,000/-
2.	Community Hall Maintenance and Improvements. (Maintenance of BBMP Property in Ward No-174). (4th Call). (Others)	5.00	12,500/-
3.	Providing Fencing and Compound Wall to BBMP assets in Bommanahalli Constituency AC-175. (4th Call). (Others)	31.25	62,500/-
4.	Construction, maintenance and repairs to Specially abled friendly Toilets and Ramps in Public offices in Bommanahalli Constituency AC-175. (4th Call). (Others)	33.00	66,000/-
5.	Construction of RO Plant in Mico Layout, Ward No-189 Hongasandra. (4th Call) (Others)	15.00	30,000/-
6.	Construction of New building of Samudaya Bhavana in next to Ambedkar Nagara, Chikka Begur Mainroad, AECS Layout B Block in Ward No. 191, Singasandra. (3rd Call) (Others)	20.00	50,000/-
7.	Construction of new building of Anganavadi kendra room in Ward No-190 Mangammanapalya, Garvebhavipalya. (3rd Call). (Others)	10.00	25,000/-
8.	Construction of new Library Room in Agara Govt. Primary School in Ward No. 174 HSR Layout. (3rd Call).(Others)	10.00	25,000/-
9.	**Improvement to roads and drains in HSR Layout, Bommanahalli Division. (Others)**	500.00	7,50,000/-
10.	**Improvement to roads and drains in Bommanahalli Division. (Others)**	500.00	7,50,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **20.02.2023** at **4:00** pm. (2) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka from **09.02.2023**. (3) The Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **10.02.2023** at **11:00** am in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, Beguru Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560 068. (4) Last Date for Submission of Tender Documents on or before **20.02.2023** at **4:00** pm. (5) Technical / Financial bids will be held on **21.02.2023** after **11:30** am in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division. (6) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** **Sd/-**
Executive Engineer Bommanahalli Division

Government of Karnataka
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA.
No.EE:PWD:CTA:JE-3: Tender-96:2022-23: Dated: 04.02.2023
SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through e-Procurement Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Nameofwork:TwocoverSystem:HeadofAccount5054-03-337-0-17-160 SH Improvements: 1) RE-ASPHALTING OF ROAD FROM HOSADURGA TALUK STATE HIGHWAY VISHWANATHANAHALLI TO SIRA BORDER ROAD VIA CHIKKAJAJUR, CHITRAHALLI, HD PURA, MADADAKERE, BHARAMAGIRI, DODDAGHATTA, ADIVALA AND RANGANATHAPURA ROAD FROM KM 53.20 TO 59.00 (58.20 to 55.65, 53.90 to 54.50, 53.00 to 53.50 & 51.50 to 51.90 Kms) (W.I. 164434). Estimate Cost: Rs. 200.00 Lakhs. Head of Account 3054-04-337-1-10-200 MDR Maintainace Flood Damage: 2) Re-Asphalting to Hagalkere Belagur Road from Km 0.00 to 4.50 Km in Hosadurga Taluk (W.I. 164447) Estimate Cost: Rs. 200.00 Lakhs.

Tender dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: 10.02.2023 Time 17:30. Last Date & time for receipt of tenders: 13.02.2023 Time 16:00. Date & time for opening of Technical Bid: 14.02.2023 Time 16:15. Date & time for opening of Financial Bid: 16.02.2023 Time 11:00.

Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

RO No. 955: DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

Government of Karnataka
Public Works Department Office of the Executive Engineer, Davanagere Division, Davanagere.
Notice No.: IFT-47/AE-2/2022-23/3309 Date: 03.02.2023

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Ref: Tender Notice No. of this office: EE/DDD/ IFT-47/2022-23 Date: 03.02.2023

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, the undersigned invites Tenders in single cover and two cover system through e-procurement portal of GoK as per KTPP Act 2000 and Standard Tender Document Rules for works KW- 2, 3, 4 related to jagaluru, Harihara, Davanagere Taluks in the limits of Public Works Department, Davanagere Division from eligible Tenderers registered in Karnataka Public Works Department.

1) Work of constructing Bus Stand at Bidarakere Village in Harihara Taluk. (163074) (2nd Call) Rs. 100.00 lakhs. 2) Development works of Approach Roads and Link Roads to Bridge constructed across Tungabhadra River at km 125.50 on Birur-Sammasagi NH-76 (old PB Road) in Harihara Taluk. Rs. 200.00 lakhs. 3) Development work of Road, State Highway from Malebennuru to Govinahal Road (via Hindasaghatta) from 0.00 km to 8.00 km in Harihara Taluk, Davanagere District. (160467) (4th Call). Rs. 400.00 lakhs. 4) Development of Road and Asphalting from Attigere to Mayakonda, Road Route Kodaganuru-Bommenahalli-Parashurampura-Bhavinahal from 2.40 km to 11.10 km in Davanagere Taluk. (163078) (2nd Call). Rs. 200. Lakhs. 5) Development work of Road, State Highway-65 Malpe-Molakalmuru Road (Route Kadajji, Aluru) from 4.70 km to 7.60 km in Davanagere Taluk. Rs. 300.00 lakhs. 6) Sub Estimate for Construction of platform to counters, Sun Shade Shelter and pavers to entrance path at Mini Vidhana Soudha in Davanagere. Rs.25.00 lakhs.

For works of Sl. Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4, Last Date for receipt of Tenders for works: 13.02.2023 up to 4.00 PM. Date of opening the Tender: 14.02.2023 up to 4.30 PM and For works of Sl. Nos. 5 & 6, Last Date for receipt of Tenders for works: 20.02.2023 up to 4.00 PM. Date of opening the Tender: 21.02.2023 up to 4.30 PM. Further details can be obtained from the above office during office hours (Phone: 08192-234951, 231530) or website: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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Puncturing ties

The row over balloon shows China is a hot-button issue in U.S. politics

The shooting down of a Chinese surveillance balloon by the U.S. military has served as a stark reminder of the deep distrust that characterises relations between the world's two biggest powers. The detection of the balloon last week over Montana sparked a diplomatic crisis, leading to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken calling off a highly anticipated visit to China from February 6. The visit, which would have been the first by a top U.S. diplomat since 2018, was the result of a months-long effort to halt the downward spiral in ties, coming out of the Biden-Xi meet in November at the G-20 Bali summit. The fragility of that effort has been laid bare by the controversy over the balloon, which has punctured the process of restoring stability in relations that have been marred by growing discord. Beijing has maintained that the balloon was "civilian" (meteorology), but had drifted off-course. It also slammed the move to shoot it down as an overreaction. The U.S. has seen the deployment of what it called a surveillance balloon, on the eve of the Blinken visit, deep into its airspace as a grave provocation – one, it pointed out, that Beijing too would not have tolerated.

U.S. officials have acknowledged this was by no means the first such surveillance balloon spotted over American skies; there was a similar incident under the Trump administration. Balloons were also spotted over Japan in 2020 and 2021, and over India's Andaman Islands last year. All three governments did not take steps to shoot down the balloons, presumably coming to the conclusion that the balloons, in the age of intelligence powered by advanced satellites, were not important enough to warrant being shot down. New Delhi and Tokyo may now be prompted to reassess how they handle such intrusions in the future. Beijing, for its part, would do well to reconsider the benefits and costs of what appears to be a new, and provocative, tool for intelligence-gathering. It is conceivable that the Biden administration may have allowed the balloon to quietly drift away had it not been spotted in Montana. The Biden administration faced intense criticism at home for not shooting down the balloon earlier. Its response, including cancelling the Blinken visit, reflects how China has become a hot-button issue in U.S. politics. This development has constrained how a key relationship is managed. In 2001, the U.S. and China were able to dial down tensions after a collision between a U.S. spy plane and a Chinese fighter jet over Hainan island in China. Should a similar crisis now arise, particularly against the charged backdrop of an intensifying rivalry, muscle-flexing over Taiwan, and a heated domestic discourse, finding an off-ramp will be far more difficult.

End-of-life decisions

SC's tweaks on directive norms are welcome, but legislation will be better

When the Supreme Court granted legal status to the concept of 'advance medical directives' in 2018 and allowed passive euthanasia, subject to stringent safeguards, it was seen as a vital recognition of both patient autonomy over end-of-life decisions and the right to a dignified death. However, doctors later found that some of the specific directions turned out to be "insurmountable obstacles". In a recent order, a Constitution Bench modified the directions to make them more workable and simple. The advance directive no more needs to be countersigned by a judicial magistrate. Instead, it could be attested before a notary or a gazetted officer. Instead of the magistrate, it is enough if the notary or officer is satisfied that the document is executed voluntarily, without coercion or inducement, and with full understanding. The original guideline that the executor should name a guardian or a close relative who would be authorised to give consent to refuse or withdraw medical treatment, in the event of the executor becoming incapable of a decision, has been modified to name more than one guardian or relative. Instead of the magistrate being tasked with informing family members about the document, in case they are not present at the time of its being executed, the onus is now on the persons themselves to hand over a copy of the advance directive to the guardians or close relatives named in it, as well as to the family physician. It may also be included in digital health records.

The new guidelines require the hospital itself to constitute a primary medical board to certify whether the instructions on refusal or withdrawal of treatment should be carried out. The hospital should also form a secondary board, including a doctor nominated by the district's chief medical officer, which will have to endorse the primary board's certificate. The change here is that the district Collector need not constitute the second medical board, as required in the 2018 judgment. The scrutiny by the boards holds good even in cases in which there is no advance directive, but the patient is not in a position to make any decision. The new guidelines also spell out the experience and specialisations of those to be included in the medical boards. While such guidelines are useful and necessary to implement the concept of a 'living will' and advance medical directives, it is time Parliament came out with a comprehensive law. Such a law could also provide for a repository of advance directives so that the need to ascertain afresh its genuine nature does not arise at the time of its implementation.

The freedom of speech and an 'adolescent India'

Srinath Sridevan

is Senior Advocate at the Madras High Court

Aditya Shankar

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We hold adults to different standards of behaviour than we do for children. But what about adolescents? We are disappointed when they are unable to behave with maturity but are often not surprised by their lack of it. Maturity, in a human, is the duty to conduct oneself in accordance with social norms, under varying circumstances, irrespective of how the individual feels.

In the context of a nation, Tocqueville defines the maturity of a nation as the capacity of the people of that nation to act responsibly in the face of social flux.

The rapid growth in national power, along with the unbridled freedom of economic power, has given Indians something that our predecessors never had. Simultaneously, the tide of events that has rocked the world has not passed by India. So, has India behaved responsibly in light of all this? Is India mature?

Let us test this from the perspective of the freedom of speech.

The freedom of speech is one of the most cherished freedoms. The Constitution of India, too, declares that Indians possess this freedom, but makes it subject to the interest of public order, or the sovereignty and integrity of India.

We believe that the framers of the Constitution accepted this watering down of this fundamental freedom, simply because the notion of unfettered freedom of speech was foreign to us.

The concept of freedom of speech is a western notion. While some form of freedom may have existed in ancient Greece, the real freedom of speech, as we understand it today, was propounded by Voltaire and Rousseau.

There is nothing in our soil that suggests that this freedom took root here. B.R. Ambedkar, in his Writings and Speeches, notes this in relation to ancient India: "'As to freedom of speech it exists. But it exists only for those who are in favour of the social order. The freedom is not the freedom of liberalism which was expressed by Voltaire when he said 'I wholly disapprove of what you say and will defend to the death your right to say it.'"

There is some evidence that the freedom of expression existed within state-ordained constructs. The content of the debates of Adi Shankara or Saint Thirugnana Sambandar seem remarkably liberal. Yet, this freedom did not extend to criticism of the king or his royal policies. A man who spoke ill of a king did not live long enough to see the effect. Hence, free speech was within state-defined boundaries.

> There is a sense of insecurity and aggression — the hallmark of adolescence — evident in all the oppressive actions being carried out in the country

On the other hand, the freedom of speech and thought that sparked the minds of western thinkers was the freedom from such limits. Bertrand Russell's masterpiece on western philosophy traces the history of free thought, to its culmination, where a man's right to think freely supersedes his duty of obedience to the state. The right to not just think freely but also to criticise the state is very fundamental to western notions of democracy.

As Justice Holmes said in the celebrated case of Abrams vs United States, in America, "When men have realized that time has upset many fighting faiths, they may come to believe... that the ultimate good desired is better reached by free trade in ideas – that the best test of truth is the power of the thought to get itself accepted in the competition of the market, and that truth is the only ground upon which their wishes safely can be carried out."

This then is the full freedom of thought and expression that has emerged from the West.

The British Raj obviously did not tolerate free speech, and our thoughts remained manacled until 1947. In 1947, our nation was born, and suddenly, in 1950, we were free to express ourselves.

Progress that has been faltering

The first 50 years of freedom were spent in framing the contours of this freedom. The gestalt of what this freedom exactly was came to be created through a series of judicial decisions which recognised this freedom in a restricted form, defining more by exception than by rule. This faltering progress is consistent with the infancy of a nation, trying to define its relationship with its citizenry.

The 1990s and 2000s brought with it unprecedented economic progress, and brought us to the last decade – and also the transition from infancy to adolescence. This adolescence has not brought with it free thought, but rather, a strong opposition to it – by other Indians, who disagree.

The muzzling of unpopular opinions is now done through mob power, actions for defamation, social media blackouts and vetoes and the like. Calls for bans and boycotts of films and books are done for the silliest of reasons. Persons perceive insults and commence protests and lawsuits. Banners in film theatres are burnt, art studios are vandalised and the staging of plays are stopped, not because the art is bad, but because they disagree with what is expressed.

Thus, we see for the first time that the freedom of speech is under threat not only vertically (that is to say, from the state) but also horizontally (that is to say, from other citizens).

Free speech is unpopular when it unsettles the existing order. People feel uneasy when someone stands up and says we have been doing things wrong and that things must change.

Therefore, people maintain the status quo by suppressing unpopular speech. This enables the state to step in and define the framework within which speech is free. And when this happens, we have only the illusion of free speech, and real freedom is lost.

The mob, its dangers

Indians seek to shut down the opinions and expressions of others when they feel threatened by it. This sense of insecurity along with aggression is the hallmark of adolescence and runs as a common thread through all the oppressive actions we have noticed above. We seek strength in numbers. The mob provides us the comfort and the anonymity to suppress opinions and views that we disagree with. Once all dissenting thought is suppressed, we will find only views that echo our own.

This trend, if not arrested, can lead to a nation's inhabitants surrendering their independence to a domineering public opinion. This, in turn, yields to persons depending on a doting, parent-like guardian state for all "freedom". Most recently, the Supreme Court of India in its judgment in Kaushal Kishore's case (rendered on January 3, 2023) declared that the fundamental rights of Indians are exercisable not only vertically but also horizontally. The question before the Court in this case was whether the fundamental rights (including the freedom of speech) can be claimed other than against the state or its instrumentalities. The Court concluded that such fundamental rights can be enforced even against persons other than the state and its instrumentalities.

This judgment holds the key as to how India can emerge from its adolescence. If every citizen enforces their fundamental freedoms not only against the state but against each other, to the fullest extent, we will then seize back the power to define our own freedoms. Our failure to do so will result in us becoming an obedient and bovine citizenry which implicitly obeys the false credo that nothing can be done unless expressly permitted.

Jammu, village defence and governance

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The rise in terror-related strikes in the relatively peaceful Jammu division, especially in the border districts of Rajouri and Poonch, needs a closer look. In spite of militancy-related indices not being a cause for alarm, any complacency on the part of the state could be disastrous in the mid and long terms. The dynamics of militancy in these regions are different from those prevalent in Kashmir due to the demographic profile of an almost equal proportion of Hindus and Muslims. The agency of the local population in a conflict zone cannot be overlooked. Conflict resolution in such regions is a function of utilising the potential of people by facilitating their participation in decision making and execution *vis-à-vis* issues concerning them.

The catalyst

There have been several terror-related incidents in the region of Jammu division over the last year with the gravest of them so far having been committed in Dangri village in Rajouri district at the beginning of the year. In January, according to the South Asia Terrorism Portal, there were infiltration attempts, recoveries of war-like stores, explosions followed by gunshots at the house of a local MLA, a neutralisation of hideouts, and the nabbing of suspects in Rajouri and Poonch.

Since Dangri happened, the demand for a revival of the erstwhile Village Defence Committees (VDC) has emerged from different quarters. The government had issued instructions to operationalise VDC (rechristened as Village Defence Guards, or VDG) in August 2022. As in the policy, the VDGs were to instil a sense of self protection, with the district's superintendent of police mandated to exercise command and control. VDCs have played a crucial role in containing militancy in the Jammu division, after being set up in the mid-1990s. Pockets with a VDC presence were those in remote areas; their difficult terrain and a meagre presence of security forces made chances of successful operations remote. VDCs were trained to hold the front against militants till the arrival of security forces, thus proving to be force multipliers.

> The revival of Village Defence Guards should be lead to an empowerment of local bodies as panchayats are most suited to understand local dynamics in a conflict zone

However, in several cases , the VDCs have proved to be counterproductive, with instances of cadres abusing their authority and even facing allegations of human rights violations. Given the lower levels of insurgency and state support, a 'false notion of power' developing in the minds of VDC cadre is quite natural, leading to potentially adverse fallouts. However, the benefits of the VDC far outweigh their drawbacks. leading to the decision to revive them.

State policy on the VDGs must now aim to mitigate the negatives, which lies in viewing the issue through the prism of human resources management of the cadres. There needs to be an evolution of a hands-down command and control mechanism. The present methodology of being under the superintendent of police, i.e., a top-down approach, may not be the ideal arrangement as it will be found wanting in terms of close supervision at the execution level. A good control mechanism is needed to ensure that cadres remain motivated and focused.

Empowering local institutions

One of the most encouraging facets of democracy in Jammu and Kashmir has been the enthusiasm of people in electing and trusting local bodies. The Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Panchayati Raj Act of 1989 amended in 2020, paved the way for the setting up of the District Development Council. This completed the three-tier local-governance structure and reinforced the other two bodies, at the panchayat and block levels. However, due to the security situation and socio-political uncertainties, the empowerment of local bodies never moved beyond holding elections.

The revival of the VDG should be used as an opportunity to empower the local bodies. Panchayats are most suited to understand local dynamics in a conflict zone that change rapidly from one sub-region to the other. In addition to the compulsory functions, panchayats could be entrusted with the task of assisting the local police in an institutionalised manner. This will create advantages such as expanding the stakeholdership of the local population in security matters, a quality check on the character of VDG cadres during the selection stage as well as monitoring their activities and having consolidated control by means of oversight and deterrence.

Some advice

From a practitioner's point of view, the VDGs should never be sucked into proactive intelligence and tactical operations, and must instead remain confined to 'self defence and deterrence roles'. Or else, they will end up as one more agency hunting dwindling numbers of militants.

Entrusting local bodies to manage the VDGs would elicit a positive vibrancy from the population that normally does not manifest when a measure is enforced top down in a bureaucratic manner. The key to a resolution of challenges in J&K lies in empowering the local population by strengthening democracy and making it more participatory at the grassroots – the Gandhian way of decentralised governance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Balloon-triggered fallout

Even if the Chinese balloon was a "civilian weather balloon", as claimed by Beijing, it is very hard to brush aside the fact that it did intrude into U.S. territory. It is appreciable that the U.S. handled the situation well. One hopes all the debris of the fallen balloon is traced and the world knows what it contained, which will highlight the real objective of the 'mission' itself.

A. Venkatasubramanian,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

It was surprising to read about the debrief by the U.S. highlighting similar balloon sightings over South Asia and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Chinese surveillance balloons over Indian territory and the Indian government either not being aware of this or suppressing the information, reflect India's inadequacy of resources for target detection and neutralisation over its strategic assets.

Major General Jatinder Singh (retd.),
Chandigarh

Musharraf's legacy

The former Pakistan President and Army chief, Pervez Musharraf, will be remembered largely for arbitrarily discontinuing the democratic process in Pakistan. His tenure was one that was marred by various controversies and missteps, leaving behind a deeply contentious legacy. The Kargil war was another dark moment. Musharraf's time has lessons for Pakistan's ruling elite, civilian and military.

Gregory Fernandes,
Mumbai

Vani Jairam

As a great singer with a record number of songs in a number of languages, revealing versatility and virtuosity, Vani Jairam carved a niche for herself. She made music enjoyable and acceptable to both the layman and the connoisseur. Her soulful songs such as "*Nathamenum koilile*", "*Malligai en mannan mayankum*" and "*Yezhu Swarangalukkul*" will remain with us for long.

R. Pichumani,
Thippirajapuram, Tamil Nadu

Her voice will live on as *Aakashvaani* (voice in the sky). Of all her songs, her recording of "*Meerabai*" for Pt. Ravishankar for the film *Meera* (Hema Malini as Meerabai) will remain the main jewel. Her golden voice will live on, thanks to technology.

V.P. Dhananjayan,
Chennai

In her passing, the mellifluousness that mesmerised legions of music lovers with a pan-Indian reach has been stilled. Vani Jairam left an indelible mark on Indian cinema. She was one among the front-ranking singers of her generation and her soothing voice will be missed immensely.

Ayyasseri Raveendranath,
Aranmula, Kerala

Vani Jairam went to Singapore in the early 1990s to take part in a music concert in one of the indoor stadiums. She sang many beautiful numbers to the delight of her audience that included Chinese, Malays and Tamils. The next day the Singapore Broadcasting Corporation interviewed her for its SBC 12 (Tamil) viewers.

At the end of the interview, she was asked which among the 14 or more languages she would cherish to sing for her soul. Not waiting for a second, she replied, "*Pynthamizh*".

C. Sachidananda Narayanan,
Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu

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The demand for MGNREGS work is unmet

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The allocation for MGNREGA in the Budget is ₹60,000 crore. This is less than 0.2% of the GDP, the lowest ever allocation as a percentage of GDP. World Bank economists had estimated that the allocation should be 1.6% of the GDP. In the last two years, the new financial year began with more than one-fourth of the allocation as pending wages from previous years. Assuming a conservative estimate that the next financial year will begin with pending wages of ₹15,000 crore and accounting for inflation, in real terms, the allocation for MGNREGA will be less than ₹45,000 crore. A statement by People's Action for Employment Guarantee and NREGA Sangharsh Morcha has provided an estimate of ₹2.72 lakh crore as the minimum budget required. As per this, even ₹1.24 lakh crore can only generate 40 days of work per household per year.

Aided by a complex technical apparatus, there has been a steady centralisation of the programme architecture even as wages for most States remain lower than minimum agricultural wages. Wage payment delays continue, and there is evidence that these are caused by inadequate allocations. But what has received less attention is the case of unmet demand which is also correlated with inadequate allocations.

A demand-driven law

MGNREGA is a demand-driven law. Every household must get work within 15 days of demanding work, failing which the workers are legally entitled to an unemployment allowance. But this demand-driven aspect has suffered. Getting work and wages is contingent on the household details being entered on the MGNREGA software called the Management Information System (MIS). The MIS has been used to subvert the Act in many ways, one of which is work demand suppression. Owing to budgetary constraints, officials usually give fewer days of work to many households or provide many days of work to a few households. Two crore new job cards were issued between 2019-20 and 2022-23 showing the continued demand; yet, the average number of days of employment continues to be around 45 days bearing testimony to demand suppression.

We define unmet demand as the deficit between the work demanded and obtained. Officials don't even register work demand on the MIS owing to inadequate funds. This can be learned only through surveys. Unless details are on the MIS, it is impossible to calculate unmet demand. We present some early estimates of unmet demand from an ongoing study based on MIS data.

The national MIS reports show the number of households that demanded and got work. The persondays of work generated is available nationwide and for each State and panchayat. However, the aggregated persondays of work demanded at the State and national level is not available as a national MIS report; it is available for each panchayat. So, using the national MIS reports we only get an incomplete picture of unmet demand. Let us see why. Suppose a household has demanded seven days of work and got three days. Then, as per the national MIS report, since the household demanded and got work, the household-level unmet demand is zero. But the persondays of unmet demand is four days. There is no national MIS report showing this. To arrive at persondays of unmet demand for each State, we have to resort to statistical techniques.

In our ongoing study, we randomly sampled 10 panchayats from one randomly selected block in each district of seven States (Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala and West Bengal) for 2019-20. The analysis is based on persondays of work demanded and work done for 11.14 lakh workers from 1,400 panchayats. Our preliminary results don't account for situations when work is offered but either workers are absent or their details are missing in the worksite attendance register.

Using a method called Bayesian hierarchical modelling, we estimated that the weighted average persondays of unmet demand for these States was 34%. But the national MIS reports show that the household-level unmet demand for these States was 11%-13% in the last four years. The country-wide household unmet demand was in this range too. This means national MIS reports grossly underestimate the unmet demand.

Taking note of contradictions

A four State study released in October 2022, conducted by Azim Premji University, NREGA Consortium and CORD, also showed high levels of unmet demand in 2019-20. As per this, 39% of the households did not get a single day of work despite wanting 77 days on average, and those who got at least one day of work wanted 64 days of more work. It was found that, to meet the full extent of work demand, the labour Budget should have been three times what was allocated in the surveyed blocks. In contrast, as per the national MIS reports, it appears that almost all the households that demanded work were offered work in each of the last four years.

The Rural Development Ministry claims that low demand has resulted in Budget cuts, but the reality is opposite. Budget cuts have created a vicious cycle of demand suppression, wage payment delays, an overburdened field staff and corruption. These further discourage workers from doing MGNREGA work.

For the sake of transparency, the persondays of work demanded must be made readily available for each State. Ground reports suggest that the recent introduction of an app to register workers' attendance has only increased worker woes. This is just the latest in a series of technical fixes when the real problem is underfunding and excessive centralisation.

Insufficient MGNREGS budgets cause work demand suppression and violate the law

Power play ahead of polls

Stakeholders in the power sector question the promises of the BJP and Congress

STATE OF PLAY

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As Karnataka gears up for Assembly elections, both the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Opposition Congress have made big promises regarding electricity, ranging from free power up to a certain number of units, to lower tariffs.

It all started when the State's Energy Minister, V. Sunil Kumar, in December 2022, announced a "reduction" in tariffs from January 2023, in the range of 70 paise to ₹2 per unit. This led to some confusion, as the tariff revision has a set timetable, which has been disrupted only by elections and the pandemic in the recent past. The power utilities have to submit their revision petition to the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, which in turn calls for a public hearing, which is usually held in February, before they finally announce the revised tariffs for the new financial year. With the Minister's announcement, many wondered how this was possible towards the last few months of the financial year. It then turned out that the FAC (fuel adjustment charges) for that quarter, a routine fixture, would reduce.

The Congress was then quick to announce that it would offer 200 units of power free to every household every month if voted back to power – a move reminiscent of the Aam Aadami Party's decision in Delhi. Mr. Kumar responded that this would destabilise the functioning of State electricity supply companies (Escoms), and claimed that the people were not asking for free power but quality and uninterrupted power supply.

Amidst all this, the tariff petition by the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) showed that it had indeed proposed to reduce energy charges per unit for the first slab of consumers who use the least amount of power. However, the power utility has also proposed big hikes in the fixed charges, which, many say, nullifies the lower energy charges. But the proposal to reduce energy charges is a marked departure from the power utility's tariff revision petitions in at least a decade. Electricity consumers have had to bear with an increase, though not commensurate with the demand of the utilities, year on year.

Stakeholders in the sector have questioned the plans of both these political parties. Karnataka, which for years struggled to balance its power demand and supply, has now emerged as a power-surplus State, winning accolades especially in the renewable sector. However, uninterrupted power supply remains a challenge. Unscheduled power outages, especially during the rains, continue. This was a severe problem during the pandemic years when lakhs of employees were forced to work from home. Infrastructural challenges are constantly cited as a reason for this.

Citizens and industry have also been questioning the rationale behind the steady upward revisions in power tariffs. Many have raised objections to paying a higher price for the same quality of power, though the Escoms have maintained that quality has improved over the years. In the Ministry of Power's 10th Annual Integrated Rating and Ranking of power distribution utilities, of 52 state and private distribution utilities, the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited and Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited were at the lower end, with a -C rating. Citizens have also raised questions about Escoms quoting higher power purchase costs as a reason to demand higher tariffs when Karnataka claims to be a power-surplus State.

In the light of all this, those familiar with the power sector ask how political parties make such tall promises. One section points out that the promise of free power would make end users complacent about conserving energy. Another section demands to know how the Escoms and the State exchequer will deal with the cost of providing power for free or at a lower cost when they are already reeling under expensive, long-term Power Purchase Agreements, subsidised power supply, and transmission and distribution losses.

Incidentally, the Gurucharan Committee, set up to recommend restructuring of the State's power sector and advance second generation distribution reforms, submitted its report to the Chief Minister in June last year. It identified flight of High Tension consumers due to exorbitant tariffs, high power purchase costs, inefficiencies in operation, free power supply, unmetered/unbilled energy and inequitable tariffs as some of the constraints and challenges in the power distribution business.

Pakistan economy crumbles: Forex falls, inflation soars

Widespread blackouts, runaway inflation, depreciating currency and plummeting foreign exchange reserves plague Pakistan

DATA POINT

Jasmin Nihalani

Pakistan's economy is on the brink of collapse. The country has asked the International Monetary Fund for a bailout from an impending default. Pakistan is in its 13th bailout from the IMF since the late 1980s. It is grappling with widespread blackouts, runaway inflation, depreciating currency and plummeting foreign exchange reserves. Its economic troubles have worsened following the devastating floods last year. In January 2023, retail inflation soared to a 48-year-high of 27.6%. Urban food inflation was at 39% while rural food inflation spiralled to 45.2%. Both urban and rural food inflation have remained in double digits for over10 months now. **Chart 1** shows general retail inflation and food inflation in urban and rural areas.

Rising inflationary pressure has pushed up the prices of essential commodities like wheat, onions, milk and egg. The average cost of a 20kg wheat flour bag in January 2022 was Pakistani Rupee (PKR) 1,164.8. This shot up to PKR 1,736.5 in January 2023, a 50% rise. Similarly, the price of one kg of onions quintupled from PKR 39.4 to PKR 231 in a span of one year. **Chart 2** shows the prices (in PKR) of essential commodities during January in the past five years.

Meanwhile, news reports suggest that thousands of containers with essential food items, raw materials and medical equipment are held up at ports due to a shortage of dollars. Foreign exchange reserves with the State Bank of Pakistan dipped to $3.08 billion in the week ending January 27, 2023. Forex reserves in Pakistan have dwindled to a nine-year low and are just enough to cover three weeks of import. **Chart 3** shows the week-wise foreign exchange reserves (in $ billion) held by Pakistan's central bank.

Depreciating currency and dwindling forex reserves are bound to make imports costly, which is worrying for Pakistan since it is highly reliant on imports. While the country's imports have seen a significant rise, exports have remained largely stagnant, widening the trade deficit in the recent years. According to a working paper by the Asian Development Bank, Pakistan did not produce machinery crucial for manufacturing and infrastructure development, which made them import reliant. Pakistan's exports mainly comprise textiles and agriculture-related goods and lack technological sophistication. However, in the past few months, imports, too, have reduced due to a shortage of dollars. **Chart 4** shows the year-wise value of export and import of goods in $ million.

Pakistan's expenses are also rising while revenues have failed to keep pace. Interest payments comprise a huge chunk of expenses leaving little room for development-related expenditure. At the same time, Pakistan has also not been able to mobilise tax revenues due to a narrow tax base and concessions. In FY22, total revenues as a share of GDP decreased to 12% while total expenditure as a share of GDP neared 20%. **Chart 5** shows the share of total revenue and total expenditure in the GDP.

Due to high levels of borrowing, total debt and liabilities reached PKR 59,697.7 billion (89% of the GDP) in FY22. Total debt has consistently risen over the years and peaked at 93.8% in FY20. Of the total outstanding bilateral debt owed by Pakistan as of March 2022, China accounts for about 35%. Moreover, a sector-wise share of foreign private debt shows that as much as 92% was used for the power sector. **Chart 6** shows financial year-wise Pakistan's total debt and liabilities in billion PKR (left axis). It also plots the share of total debt as a % of the GDP (right axis).

In dire straits

The charts are created using data collated from the State Bank of Pakistan, the Economic Affairs Division of Pakistan, the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and the Asian Development Bank

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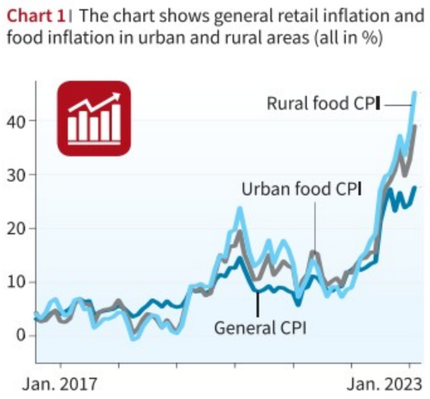

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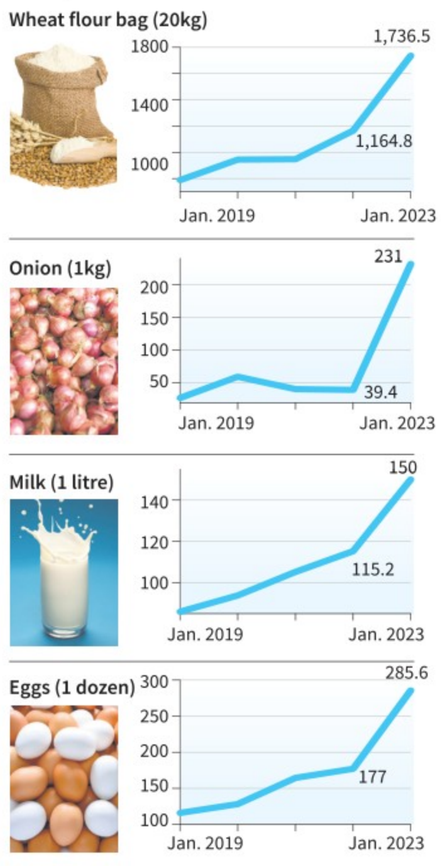

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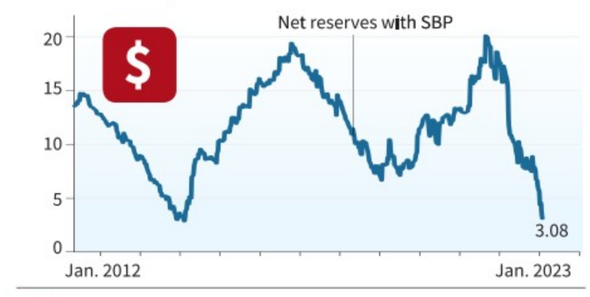

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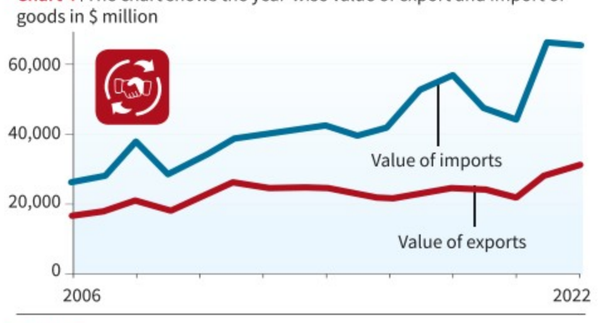

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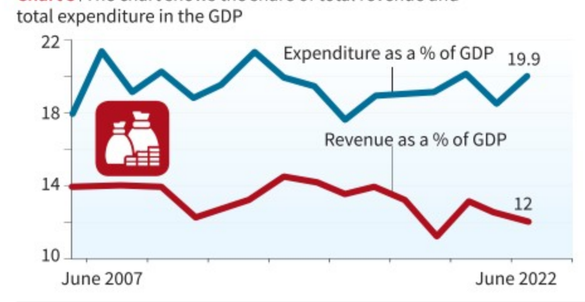

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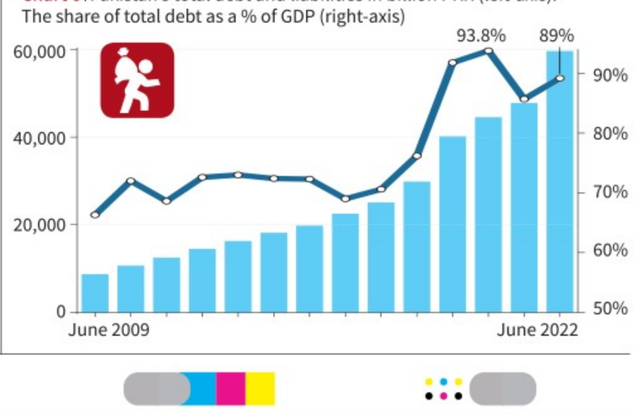

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FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 7, 1973

Govt financial aid to small newspapers urged

New Delhi, Feb. 6: Mr. G. Kasturi, Editor of The Hindu, has suggested State financing of "have-not" publishers in order to curtail the "monopolistic" growth of a few privileged publishers. In a paper presented to a committee of the One Asia Assembly here yesterday, Mr. Kasturi said this would promote healthy competition but care should be taken that political patronage did not guide the selection of lessees. Under the scheme outlined by him, the State would stay away from actual publishing and editing responsibilities but would provide all the expensive machinery required for newspaper printing through appropriate lease requirements. Mr. Kasturi came out strongly against any executive compulsion or diffusion or change in the ownership of mass media in any society that had chosen to mould itself through the principles of discussion and consent. He also cautioned developing countries against succumbing to what he called the temptation for protecting themselves from free flow of information. A society, however backward, should be able to stand the shocks of premature exposure to the outside world and emerge all the sounder for it, he said. Mr. Kasturi said there could be no question of any "independence in what is termed as 'editorial staff'." Since the Editor and the publisher were the ones who were held legally and morally responsible for what was published, there could be talk only of their independence, "with the editorial staff doing its work at the bidding of the Editor."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 7, 1923

In America

Washington, Feb 5: The Immigration Committee of the House of Representatives has approved a new bill for further drastically reducing the number of aliens who can be admitted by lowering the figure of each nationality from three to two per cent of the number of nationality already resident in the United States and also by taking the census of 1890, 1900, and 1910 as the basis. The Immigration officials estimate that the total admitted every year will henceforth be 168,000 instead of 358,000 as it is as present.

From Page One

SC to hear plea to annul lawyer's elevation

In his short submissions, Mr. Ramachandran said the petition is challenging the "eligibility" of the candidate in question as certain information about her was "kept back" from the Supreme Court Collegium. "The Collegium was handicapped," he said.

Mr. Ramachandran referred to the Supreme Court judgment of March 10, 1992 in *Kumar Padma Prasad versus Union of India*, which had quashed the appointment of an advocate as a judge of the Gauhati High Court on the ground that he was "not qualified" to be on the Bench. The senior lawyer, referring to the 1992 decision, said the apex court on that occasion had ordered his warrant of appointment to be not given effect and restrained the advocate from "making or subscribing" the oath of judicial office.

"Even at this point, the appointment can be stopped," the petitioners urged.

Last week, 21 lawyers, including N.G.R. Prasad, senior counsel R. Vaigai and V. Suresh, had written to President Droupadi Murmu urging her to return the Supreme Court Collegium's recommendation to elevate Ms. Gowri as Madras High Court judge. In their representation, the advocates expressed surprise that the Collegium had recommended Ms. Gowri, despite her "hate speeches" against minorities. In support of their case, they flagged comments she had made about conversions and 'love jihad'. In one interview, for instance, she had accused Roman Catholics of indulging in nefarious activities and insisted that Bharatanatyam should not be performed for Christian songs.

However, over 50 advocates of the Madras High Court Bench in Madurai had made a separate representation to the Supreme Court Collegium in support of Ms. Gowri. In their representation, these advocates said Ms. Gowri, Assistant Solicitor General of India (Madurai Bench), had worked hard and contributed to the development of law. They said many advocates and Judges of Madras High Court who directly worked as members/office-bearers of various political parties had been appointed across India.

The others who have been appointed as Additional Judges include advocates Syed Qamar Hasan Rizvi, Manish Kumar Nigam, Anish Kumar Gupta, Nand Prabha Shukla, Kshitij Shailendra, Vinod Diwakar, Vijaykumar Adagouda Patil, Rajesh Rai Kallangala, Pillaipakkam Bahukutumbi Balaji, Kandhasami Kulandaivela Ramakrishnan, Ramachandran Kalaimathi and K. Govinda Rajan Thilakavadi.

Over 2,600 killed in Turkey, Syria

This included a 7.5-magnitude tremor that jolted the region in the middle of search and rescue work on Monday. Turkey declared seven days of mourning for the dead. At least 1,000 people died across Syria, the government and rescuers said. Turkish government officials reported another 1,651 fatalities, putting the combined total at 2,651.

In Turkey, the rescue was being hampered by a winter blizzard that covered major roads in ice and snow. Some of the heaviest devastation occurred near the quake's epicentre between Kahramanmaras and Gaziantep, where entire city blocks lay in ruins. A famous mosque dating back to the 13th century partially collapsed in the province of Maltaya, along with a 14-story building with 28 apartments that housed 92 people.

The Syrian Health Ministry reported damage across the provinces of Aleppo, Latakia, Hama and Tartus, where Russia is leasing a naval facility. Officials cut off natural gas and power supplies across the region as a precaution.

'We believe in inclusivity and not exclusivity'

Tripura royal scion says he is seeking a Greater Tipraland within the constitutional framework of the country and the TIPRA Motha party's policy is not to divide the State and that nobody will be discriminated against. He says his party will not be part of or support any govt. until its demand is fulfilled

INTERVIEW

Pradyot Bikram Manikya Debbarma

Rahul Karmakar
AGARTALA

Referred to as *Bubagra* (king) or *Maharaj* by the people in Tripura, Pradyot Bikram Manikya Debbarma has taken the State by storm with TIPRA Motha, his three-year-old party that swept the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC) polls in 2021. He declined offers from both the ruling BJP and the Opposition Left Front-Congress combine for a pre-poll alliance, sticking to his demand that they give a written assurance on Greater Tipraland, seen as a statehood movement. His party is contesting 42 seats in the February 16 Assembly election. Excerpts:

The BJP says opting for TIPRA Motha will be a waste of votes.

Everyone possibly said that about the BJP across the country in the past. The BJP mustered a little more than 1% votes in Tripura once. Did anyone say voting for it would go to waste then? People have a right to exercise their franchise. If they waste their votes by choosing us, the same logic applies to the BJP when it contests elections in States such as Mizoram, Tamil Nadu and Kerala as they cannot capture power there.

Is trying to scare people an acknowledgement of the threat your party poses?

They should know it better.

TIPRA Motha is contesting 42 seats, 22 beyond the TTAADC seen as its comfort zone. Is this a strategy to split anti-BJP votes via a triangular contest?

We are contesting in tribal and non-tribal areas because we believe in inclusivity and not exclusivity. Unlike an ethnocentric BJP partner (Indigenous People's Front of Tripura), we believe in taking all Tripura's inhabitants along; this is evident from our Bengali, Muslim and other candidates.

Our strategy is for our own party, not for splitting or consolidating the votes of other parties. We have been called the BJP's B-team, but as a past working president of the Congress, I know the Congress used to be the B-team of the CPI (M). They are now in the same team.

There are fears that your Greater Tipraland dream will lead to the bifurcation of Tripura.

This fear is being flagged by those who find Virat Kohli's beard acceptable but not that of a Muslim; by those who are dividing Hindustan psychologically in the name of religion, biryani and pulao. Who has the BJP aligned with? A party (IPFT) that did politics in Tripura in the name of tribal and non-tribal. Tripura does not break when they go to extremes but disintegrates when we demand Greater Tipraland, which we are seeking within the constitutional framework. I don't want to divide Tripura. Nobody will be evicted, and none discriminated against.

Is Greater Tipraland feasible?

Everything is feasible when we negotiate within the purview of the Constitution. There's always a middle path that protects the interests of both sides. When the Centre can talk to the Hurriyat and the NSCN (I-M), it can very well talk with us on an issue close to the hearts of the Tiprasa (tribal) people.

Will the TIPRA Motha go for a post-poll alliance if there's a hung Assembly?

We will not be a part of or support any government until our demand for a constitutional solution is fulfilled.

Why are you not contesting the polls?

This election is not about me. It is about the issues we stand for. None of our senior leaders, including president Bijoy Kumar Hrangkhawl, is contesting. We are not interested in becoming MLAs, Ministers or even the Chief Minister. As leaders, we should be able to sacrifice for the core issue.

TIPRA in secret deal with CPI(M), alleges Amit Shah in Tripura

Infiltration has changed demographic character of northeast, he says and adds that only BJP can prevent it to protect rights of indigenous people

Syed Sajjad Ali
AGARTALA

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha during a rally at Santirbazar in Agartala on Monday. ANI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday accused the TIPRA Motha party, led by royal scion Pradyot Bikram Manikya Debbarma, of forging a "secret deal" with the CPI(M) in the Tripura Assembly election to eat into the BJP's votes to pave the return of the "misrule of the Communists".

Mr. Shah addressed election rallies at Santirbazar in south Tripura and Khowai in west Tripura. He later held a roadshow in support of the party's State president Rajiv Bhattacharjee, who is contesting from Banamalipur.

"You have full knowledge of the Left and Congress alliance for the election. But I want to let you know that the TIPRA and the CPI(M) also struck a deal though under the table," Mr. Shah said.

"So you have to vote for the BJP if you want to see the continuation of development initiatives. Both Chief Minister Manik Saha and his predecessor Biplab Kumar Deb worked hard for development, welfare of all sections of people and restoration of peace in the State," he said.

He said that voting for the Congress and the TIPRA meant doing so for the CPI(M). It also meant return of anarchy, misrule, non-performance, corruption and instability in the State. Mr. Shah said the infiltration of foreigners changed the demographic character of northeast and only "BJP can prevent infiltration to protect rights of the indigenous communities of the region".

Responding to the Home Minister's statement, TIPRA spokesperson Antony Debbarma said the party and all regional groups saw the infiltration problem as a "non-communal issue". "We are against infiltration from across the border of people irrespective of faiths – Hindu, Muslim and others. If the Centre is serious why not introduce NRC in our State?" he said.

Drive against child marriage will continue: Assam CM

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Monday that the State government's drive against child marriage will continue, adding that 2,441 people have been arrested since its launch on February 2.

"I have asked the Assam police to act with a spirit of zero tolerance against the unpardonable and heinous crime on women," he had said hours after the drive was launched.

Assam's Director-General of Police Gyanendra Pratap Singh said the crackdown followed a direction from the Chief Minister two months ago based on inputs that child marriage was rampant in parts of the State. "The superintendents of police of every district were told to get in touch with village elders, chiefs of various communities and village defence personnel to find out about such cases in the State," he said.

The Opposition parties have cried foul, calling the drive a political gimmick to divert attention from key issues.

Russian envoy calls for normalisation of India-China relations

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Denis Alipov

The sooner there is normalisation in India-China relations, the better it would be for the world, Russian Ambassador to India Denis Alipov on Monday said, adding that a weak Pakistan would not be better for the region, India or Afghanistan, and Russia would not do anything detrimental to India in its relations with Islamabad.

He acknowledged that India-Russia ties have been under stress for some time in terms of economic ties, which had accelerated since last year due to the "tectonic geopolitical" shifts in Europe, referring to the war in Ukraine.

The envoy said Russia had completed deliveries of the third regiment of the S-400 Triumf air defence system and reiterated that they were committed to completing the deal on schedule.

Speaking at a seminar on 30 years of the India-Russia friendship treaty organised by India Writes Network and the Centre for Global India Insights, Mr. Alipov said, "We have maintained consistently that we will never do anything detrimental to India in our relations with Pakistan. We strangle our defence cooperation with Pakistan because it will impact our relations with India." He added, "We don't think a weak Pakistan would be a better choice for the region, for India or Afghanistan." To a question from *The Hindu* on reports of Pakistan supplying military equipment to Ukraine in the ongoing war, Mr. Alipov said, "I can assure that we have taken very close notice of those reports."

On India-China relations he said, "It is not for us to say what India and China should do. It is entirely a bilateral matter between them. The sooner there is normalisation between the two countries, the better for the whole world."

Kashmir now looks like Afghanistan: Mehbooba

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Kashmir now looks like Afghanistan, with the administration bulldozing the houses of poor and marginalised in the guise of anti-encroachment drive, People's Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti said at a press conference here on Monday.

The former J&K Chief Minister also urged all Opposition leaders including Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and NCP patriarch Sharad Pawar to raise their voice for Kashmir. Ms. Mufti alleged that the BJP has been using its brute majority to weaponise everything and "bulldoze" the Constitution. "We are worse than Afghanistan the way bulldozers are being used to demolish homes," she said.

If you ignore hate crime, it will come on to you one day: SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The state and society cannot ignore hate crime for one day it may come knocking on their doors, the Supreme Court warned on Monday.

"If you ignore hate crime, it will come on to you, and then innocent lives will be lost," a Bench led by Justice K.M. Joseph said while hearing the case of a 62-year-old Muslim man who was attacked with a screwdriver by a group of men in a running car in Noida in 2021.

The police registered a case of hate only in January 2023.

Justice Joseph said there is no space for a crime on the basis of religion in a secular country. It is the obligation of the state to protect a person, irrespective of religion or creed.

"But if you have a climate which fosters hate... when you do not discourage it, where you kind of encourage it... then it becomes a very serious thing," Justice Joseph addressed the government, represented by Additional Solicitor-General K.M. Nataraj.

He said the solution to the problem of hate crime can be found only if the state acknowledges that there is a problem in the first place. "...Be it minority or majority, there are certain rights inherent in a human being...," Justice Joseph said.

He said every individual was free to perceive God in her own individual way. "That is the greatness of our country. That is the difference between a theocratic state and secular country. We can be justly proud of our country."

With swearing-in of five new judges, SC now just 2 short of full strength

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Welcome greetings: Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud (left) with Justice Pankaj Mithal during the swearing-in ceremony of the judges, in New Delhi on Monday. ANI

The Supreme Court got five new judges on Monday, increasing its judicial strength to 32.

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud read the oath of allegiance to the Constitution to Rajasthan High Court Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal; Patna High Court Chief Justice Sanjay Karol; Manipur High Court Chief Justice P.V. Sanjay Kumar; Patna High Court judge Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah; and Allahabad High Court judge, Justice Manoj Misra.

The court is now just two short of its sanctioned strength of 34 judges.

The Supreme Court Collegium proposal on January 31 to appoint Allahabad High Court Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal and Gujarat High Court Chief Justice Aravind Kumar is still pending with the government. If these appointments are made shortly, the Chandrachud court will for the first time function with the full strength of its Bench.

While many constitutional questions of law, bail matters and important commercial cases are awaiting judicial attention, the appointments also come at a time the court has been facing a barrage of verbal attacks from the government and constitutional functionaries on the collegium system.

The new entrants

Justice Mithal was appointed Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court only on October 14, 2022. His parent High Court is Allahabad. He was born on June 17, 1961.

Justice Karol was appointed the Chief Justice of the Patna High Court on November 11, 2019. His parent High Court is Himachal Pradesh. He was born on August 23, 1961.

Justice Kumar was appointed the Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court on February 14, 2021. His parent High Court is Telangana. He was born on August 14, 1963. Justice Amanullah was appointed judge of his parent Patna High Court on June 20, 2011. He was transferred to the Andhra Pradesh High Court in October 2022. He was retransferred back to the Patna High Court on June 20, 2022. He was born on May 11, 1963.

Justice Misra has been a Permanent Judge of the Allahabad High Court since August 2013. He was born on June 2, 1965.

'Bhagwat's statement on Pandits misconstrued'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat landed in a controversy with his remarks on Pandits, the RSS's publicity chief Sunil Ambekar on Monday said the remarks had been misconstrued, and by 'Pandits' he meant *vidvaan* (intellectuals).

Mr. Bhagwat, at an event to celebrate Guru Ravidas Jayanti in Mumbai, said all people were created equal, irrespective of name, ability, and honour, but "the Pandits had created caste, and what the Pandits said on the basis of the *shastras* [scripture] was a lie".

Mr. Ambekar said that Mr. Bhagwat used the word 'Pandit' to mean *vidvaan*, or intellectuals, adding that the RSS chief actually meant that everyone deserved the same respect.

'PM will do his best to avoid discussion on Adani Group'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will try his best to avoid a discussion on the Adani Group, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi said on Monday as his party questioned Mr. Modi's "deafening silence" while posing three fresh questions to him on the "Adani Group stock scam".

The Congress also held nationwide protests over the issue.

Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh posed three fresh questions under the HAHK (*Hum Adani Ke Hain Kaun*) campaign that the party launched on Sunday.

"How did the LIC make such a heavy allocation to the risky Adani Group that even private fund managers had steered clear of?" he asked.

"Or was this another case of your '*Mann Ki Banking*' to benefit your cronies," Mr. Ramesh added, taking a dig at the Prime Minister's monthly radio broadcast *Mann Ki Baat*.

He said allegations of fraud and money laundering against the Adani Group had been known for some time and there had been as many as four major fraud investigations.

"Given this knowledge, did anyone in the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance, or the LIC raise any concerns about these investments? Were such concerns overruled and, if so, by whom?" he asked.

Opposition's call for JPC probe continues to stall Parliament

Government and Opposition trade charges on parliamentary conduct and conventions over a day of uproar and adjournments in both Houses

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Parliament failed to start the discussion on the Motion of Thanks to the President on Monday as Opposition members in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha continued their protests over the demand to constitute a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to investigate the allegations of fraud against the Adani Group.

Ever since a report by the New York-based investor research firm Hindenburg Research accused the Adani Group of corporate fraud and brazen manipulation of the stock markets, the Opposition parties have been pressing for a discussion on its impact on public financial institutions such as the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) and the State Bank of India (SBI), which have invested in several projects of the port-to-power conglomerate.

The Congress's chief whip in the Rajya Sabha, Jairam Ramesh, tweeted after the Upper House was adjourned 12 minutes after the day's proceedings started at 11 a.m.: "Yet again for the third day in a row, Opposition not allowed to even mention in Parliament its legitimate demand for JPC into PM-linked Adani MahaMegaScam. Adjourned till 2pm. Modi Govt is simply running away!"

"The facts are – Congress is least interested in letting Parliament run. They are least bothered about pro-people legislation being brought and they detest the historic productivity of Parliament under the Modi government," Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi responded to Mr. Ramesh's tweet.

Spirited show: Opposition MPs protest at the Gandhi statue in the Parliament complex on Monday. PTI

Sloganeering by parties

In the Lok Sabha, as soon the House met after the weekend break, the Opposition members, mostly Congress MPs, entered the Well of the House and started shouting slogans such as "Adani *sarkar* shame-shame".

Urging the members to go back to their seats, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla told the Congress members, "You have ruled this country for a long time. Such behaviour is not good on your part. You are not interested in allowing the House to function properly."

The Rajya Sabha was adjourned within 12 minutes of its sitting after Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar rejected notices moved by the Opposition members under Rule 267 to suspend the notified business for a debate on the issue. A total of 10 notices had been moved.

The Opposition Benches roared in protest after Mr. Dhankhar declined to accept the notices, which he said were not in order. His exhortations to bring in order were ignored by the Opposition.

BJP indulging in *adharam* in U.P., says Rahul Gandhi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

No religion talks of spreading hate and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath cannot be a religious leader for the language he uses, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi said on Monday while interacting with a group of civil society activists as a follow-up to the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

In a closed-door session at the Constitution Club here, coordinated by Swaraj India leader Yogendra Yadav, Mr. Gandhi accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of indulging in *adharam* [impiety] in Uttar Pradesh, and asserted that anyone who wears a saffron robe does not become a religious leader.

The Congress reportedly said Mr. Adityanath was "insulting" the history of his Gorakhnath math by the kind of language he was using.

Responding to a question on how the Congress would deal with the "storm of religion" in Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Gandhi said this was not about religion as he understands his religion, Hinduism, and has also studied other faiths such as Islam, Christianity, Judaism and Buddhism

"This is not *dharam* but *adharam*," Mr. Gandhi was quoted as saying while criticising the BJP. He told the gathering that Bharat Jodo Yatra was the first step and he has a few other ideas that he would reveal in due course.

(*With PTI inputs*)

Disrupt or debate: Opposition parties split over strategy to tackle Adani issue in House

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NEW DELHI

Cracks have appeared in the Opposition, which has so far has been united in protesting against the government for allegedly forcing the State Bank of India (SBI), the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) and other public sector institutions to invest in the Adani Group. While a section of the Opposition insisted on carrying on with disrupting the Parliament session, one set led by the Trinamool Congress wanted to participate in a debate to articulate their position on the issue.

"Today, we wanted to debate at 2 p.m., but some of our friends in the Opposition wanted it to start tomorrow. We feel that it's a great opportunity to put across our views and expose the government. There are other State-centric issues such as depriving the States of Central funds," Derek O'Brien, the Trinamool's Parliamentary Party leader in the Rajya Sabha, told *The Hindu*. However, he said the difference between the Opposition parties was only limited to "tactics". "Our strategy is the same, the tactics may vary," he said.

Derek O'Brien wanted to take up issues such as the Centre's deprival of funds to States.

Earlier plan

Opposition parties, till last week, had decided that after two days of disruption, they would let the House function, though in the meeting on Monday morning, according to sources, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the Samajwadi Party (SP), the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) insisted that the Adani issue cannot be clubbed along with other scheduled debates. The Congress, which was not entirely on board, acquiesced in the "spirit of accommodation", according to sources in the party.

According to its pre-decided schedule, the Opposition held a joint protest at the Gandhi statue before Parliament convened for the day. The Trinamool was represented by Lok Sabha member Mahua Moitra and Rajya Sabha member Shantanu Sen.

Another meeting has been called by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday to discuss the Opposition's strategy ahead. According to sources, the party is likely to convey that the strategy of disruption cannot be continued.

Speaking to reporters after the Rajya Sabha was adjourned within a few minutes in the morning, senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram said that in the past three days, every single notice given by the Opposition under Rule 267 of the Rajya Sabha to debate the issue had been rejected. "It is beyond our comprehension how every notice can be defective," he said. He underlined at the same time that the Opposition was not in favour of disrupting the House. "People of India should know, we do not want to disrupt the House. We want an orderly discussion on a matter of grave public importance. Every attempt in this direction has been rejected by the Chair. We are deeply sorry, disappointed," he said.

Not helping the cause

Tiruchi Siva, floor leader of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), said that rejecting the Opposition's notices on technical grounds did not help since the entire nation was looking to Parliament for answers on how exactly the SBI and the LIC would be impacted by the fallout of the Hindenburg revelations on the Adani Group. "They [the government] say you can discuss everything during the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President. But even if we were to raise it, the government is not bound to reply. That is why we are insisting on a structured debate," Mr. Siva said.

'ST commission functioning with less than 50% of its approved strength'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Data presented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) on Monday in the Lok Sabha revealed that the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) is currently functioning with less than 50% of its sanctioned strength, with commission officials disclosing to *The Hindu* that it is becoming increasingly difficult to undertake its function without the requisite staffers.

According to data from the commission, rules provide for the ST panel to have one Chairperson, one Vice-Chairperson, and three Members (two out of V-C and Members should be from ST community). Currently, it just has a Chairperson (Harsh Chouhan) and one Member (Ananta Nayak) with all the other positions, including that of the mandatory ST Member, vacant for the past three years.

Responding to a question in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Bishweswar Tudu said, "As on 31.1.2023, against the total sanctioned posts of 124, 54 posts are filled and the vacant posts are 70." While Group A posts in the NCST are filled by the Ministry, Groups B and C posts are the NCST's responsibility.

A NCST official told *The Hindu* that the panel has been sanctioned one Superintendent of Police, one Law Officer and one Accounts Officer (all Group A posts), neither of which had been filled since 2004. "The recruitment rules for them have not yet been framed and this is a serious lapse," the official said.

Tribal Affairs Ministry evades question on ST status requests

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) on Monday evaded a direct question from Odisha's Congress MP, Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka, on the number of requests for Scheduled Tribe status pending with the Union government and appropriate authorities.

Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Bishweswar Tudu, responding to the question in the Lok Sabha, refused to specify the number of such requests pending with the Union government and instead cited the complex procedure for scheduling of tribes to state, "Many such proposals may therefore remain under examination at different levels."

Mr. Ulaka was among the several Opposition MPs, who in the Winter Session, had questioned the government repeatedly over why it was only selectively including communities in the ST list, when scores of such requests remain pending, including many that had already been recommended for priority inclusion by an internal government task force in 2014.

Çumbersome task

The task force, headed by then Tribal Affairs Secretary Hrusikesh Panda, had concluded that the existing procedure for scheduling was too "cumbersome" and "defeats the constitutional agenda of affirmative action and inclusion".

The task force had also called the criteria "obsolete" and thus recommended the priority inclusion of over 40 communities whose requests were pending.

The first Narendra Modi-led Cabinet had initiated a Cabinet note to implement some of the recommendations but eight years later, this proposal had been put on hold.

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3. Amount put to Tender : **Rs.408.86 Lakh**
4. Period of Completion : **11 (Eleven) Calendar months**

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Bid Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Availability & Submission of Bid On-line
Additional Chief Engineer, Rushikulya Bahuda Basin, Berhampur	ACE, RBB, (BEID)-98/2022-23	408.86	From 09.02.2023, 10.00 AM to 23.02.2023, 5.00 PM

Date of opening of the Technical Bid:- **24.02.2023 at 11.30 A.M.**
Further details can be seen from the Govt. Website "**www.tendersodisha.gov.in**".
Additional Chief Engineer, Rushikulya Bahuda Basin, Berhampur
A-1106: OIPR-32411/11/0054/2223

INDIRA GANDHI MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE
(A Government of Puducherry Institution)
Vazhudavour Road, Kathirkamam, Puducherry - 605 009.
Ph: 0413-2277545, 0413-2277289 Website: **www.igmcri.edu.in**
FILLING UP OF VACANCIES IN THE POSTS OF SENIOR RESIDENTS ON REGULAR SCALE AND ON TENURE BASIS AND JUNIOR RESIDENTS ON CONTRACT BASIS
The details regarding eligibility criteria such as age limit, educational qualification, experience, the scale of pay and other conditions etc., can be viewed on the official website **www.igmcri.edu.in.** The prescribed application form can be downloaded from the website.
The last date for receipt of the application form is fixed for **21.02.2023 at 05.00 p.m.** The shortlisted candidates only will be called for an interview.
No.183(6)/IGMC&RI/Acad/Estt.II/SR/Recr./2023 Director i/c
No.518/DIP/AD(Press)/2022-23

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of the Engineer in Chief
2nd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G Road, Bangalore- 560 009,
No.: BWSSB/EIC/ACE(WWM-P-WEST)/P/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/7185/2022-23 Date: 06.02.2023
INVITATION FOR TENDER - 2nd Call
(Only through e-Procurement Portal)
BWSSB invites tender in two cover tender system from eligible tenderers for the work of **Design and upgradation of existing 10 MLD capacity Tertiary Treatment Plant at Yelahanka based on IFAS Process and with Operation and Maintenence for a period of Seven Years (5+2) including Two Years of O&M during works contract on turnkey basis.**
Amount put to tender: **Rs. 19.82 Crore**. EMD: **Rs. 0.24 Crore**
Last date and time for reciept of tenders will be on **21.02.2023** upto **16:00 hrs**. The technical bids will be opened on **23.02.2023** at **16:00 hrs**. The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.
Sd/-
Engineer in Chief
DIPR/CP/MIA/4518/2022-23

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C)
IDCO, IDCO TOWER, BHUBANESWAR
Tender Call Notice No. H.O./P&C/EST-E-2058/01/2022 3191 Dated : 03.02.2023
NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH e-Procurement - 3rd
Name of the Work : Providing first and last mile connectivity of 2.3 km long single lane road to 2-Lane with drain and Single RCC Box Cell Culverts from Maithan Ispat to Rohit Ferrotech in Kalinga Nagar Industrial Complex (KNIC) Dist - Jajpur, Odisha.
Estimated Cost : Rs. 1039.89 lakhs (approx.).
Period of Completion : 08 (Eight) Calendar months.
Pre-Bid meeting is to be conducted on 14.02.2023 at 3.30 P.M.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
		From	To
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Tower, Bhubaneswar.	Bid Id. No. P&C/EST/E-149/2022-23	17.00 Hours of 08.02.2023	17.00 Hours of 23.02.2023

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, www.Tendersorissa.gov.in and Corrigendum if any will not be published in news papers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal www.tenderorissa.gov.in and IDCO Website www.idco.in.
Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar
CAD-4729: OIPR-14003/11/0284/2223

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE
No.EM/IOHP/GE-18(Pt.-I)/50, Date.31.01.2023
Corrigendum-I to e-Tender Call Notice No.EM/IOHP-02/2023 for the work "Design Manufacture, Supply, Erection & Commissioning of 3200 TPH capacity Shiploader at IOB."
The last date of submission and opening of the bid for the above e-Tender call Notice are hereby extended as follows: 1.Last date & time of Bid Submission : 28.02.2023 upto 1800 hrs. 2.Opening of Technical Bid : 01.03.2023 at 1030 hrs. All other terms and conditions of the original tender will remain unchanged. Refer our website : https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app for details.
Executive Engineer (M)
Iron Ore Handling Plant, PPA
PPA/PR/222/2022-23, Dt.02.02.2023

KERALA INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (KINFRA), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
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e-Tender
KINFRA invites LSTK basis online tenders from registered, competent, experienced and technically & financially sound contractors/firms for the following work:
Design, Engineering and Construction of Water Treatment Plant at KINFRA Integrated Industrial and Textile Park, Palakkad.

PAC	Bid Fee in Rs	EMD in Rs	Last Date of Submission
Rs. 14,58,63,000.00/-	Rs. 17,700.00/- (Inclusive of 18% GST)	Rs 5,00,000.00/-	27/02/2023, 5.00 PM

The tender document(s), can be downloaded from the e-Government Procurement (e-GP) website (**www.etender.kerala.gov.in**). For more details visit the website **www.kinfra.org**
Place: Thiruvananthapuram Sd/-
Date : 06/02/2023 Managing Director

INBRIEF

Now, food can be ordered on trains using WhatsApp

Passengers will soon be able to order food at the click of a button through an AI-enabled chatbot service while travelling on some trains. The IRCTC has started a WhatsApp facility for rail passengers to order food through e-catering services. The AI-powered chatbot will handle all queries of e-catering services and allow booking of meals, an Indian Railways statement said. "The number +91-8750001323 will become an interactive two-way communication platform for the customer," the statement said. The e-catering services will be implemented on a few trains at first. Based on feedback and suggestions, the service will extended to passengers on more trains.

BJP worker killed allegedly by Maoists in Bastar

A BJP divisional head in the Maoist violence-affected Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh was murdered on Sunday afternoon by alleged Maoists who suspected him of being a police informer, said the police. "Forty-year-old Neelkanth Kekam, Bharitya Janata Party (BJP) divisional head of the Avapalli area, had gone to his ancestral village of Paikram to attend a wedding, where a group of three or four Maoists arrived and stabbed him to death with sharp-edged weapons," Inspector-General (Bastar Range) P. Sundarraj said. Mr. Sundarraj added that the killers left a note that said Kekam was assisting the police and committing atrocities on people of these villages.

Railways gets ₹1,35,387 cr. from freight in 10 months

Freight loading and earnings by the Railways for the first 10 months of the financial year 2022-23 crossed the figures for the corresponding period in 2021-22. From April 2022 to January 2023, freight loading of 1,243.46 tonnes was achieved against last year's 1,159.08 tonnes, an improvement of 7%. The Railways earned ₹1,35,387 crore against ₹1,17,212 crore last year, an improvement of 16%. This January, originating freight loading of 134.07 tonnes has been achieved against loading of 129.12 tonnes in January 2022, an improvement of 4%. Freight revenue of ₹14,907 crore have been achieved against ₹13,172 crore in January 2022.

108 Buddhists from S. Korea to visit Bihar, Uttar Pradesh

The Union government, in coordination with the governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, will facilitate a pilgrimage walk by 108 nationals of South Korea across Buddhist sites in the two States. As part of the event organised by the Sangwol Society, the pilgrims will walk close to 1,200 km over 43 days in India and Nepal beginning Thursday. It will start from Sarnath in Varanasi and culminate at Shravasti after traversing through Nepal. Information & Broadcasting Secretary Apurva Chandra on Monday said the occasion gained significance as India and South Korea celebrated 50 years of diplomatic ties. The pilgrimage aims to increase friendship and collaboration between them.

Naval LCA lands on *Vikrant*, first aeroplane to touch down

MiG-29K follows suit as efforts are currently under way to operationalise the aviation complex of the first indigenous aircraft carrier; Navy says it is a historic milestone achieved towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

In a major milestone, the naval variant of the indigenous light combat aircraft (LCA) landed on the first indigenous aircraft carrier, *INS Vikrant*, on Monday. This is also the maiden landing of a fixed-wing aircraft on the carrier. The LCA's feat was followed by the landing and take-off by a twin-engine MiG-29K fighter jet.

"A historic milestone achieved towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat [self-reliant India] by the Navy as naval pilots carry out landing of LCA [Navy] onboard INS Vikrant," Navy spokesperson Commander Vivek Madhwal said. "It demonstrates India's capability to design, develop, construct and operate IAC with indigenous fighter aircraft."

Cdr. Madhwal further added: "Indian Navy takes a significant step towards operationalising the IAC by successful landing of MiG-29K on *INS Vikrant* by naval pilots..."

Steady footing: The naval variant of the indigenous light combat aircraft aboard *INS Vikrant* on Monday. ANI

Post commissioning, efforts are currently under way to operationalise the aviation complex of the carrier after which it would be ready for operational deployment.

In January 2020, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) had demonstrated a successful arrested landing of the naval LCA on *INS Vikramaditya* and subsequently, 18 take-offs and landings were conducted in five days. However, the Navy has projected a requirement for a twin-engine aircraft to operate from the carrier, and the DRDO has now embarked on developing a twin-engine deck-based fighter.

INS Vikrant, displacing a weight of 42,800 tonnes, was commissioned into the Navy last September. The aviation trials are to be carried out post commissioning. The ship uses an aircraft-operation mode known as short take-off but arrested recovery (STOBAR) for which it is equipped with a ski-jump for launching aircraft, and a set of three "arrester wires" for their recovery onboard.

Advanced fighter

Initially, the carrier would be operating the existing MiG-29Ks in service, while a decision on procurement of an advanced fighter, between the Boeing F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet and Rafale, is expected in a few months.

The TEDBF being developed by the Aeronautical Development Agency of the DRDO is expected to be the mainstay. The project is expected to get approval from the Cabinet Committee on Security by mid-2023.

No application fee, reduced cost for Haj this year

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

There will be no application fees for Haj applicants this year, officials from the Ministry of Minority Affairs said on Monday. Haj aspirants had been paying ₹300 for the application form, whether or not they were selected.

Even the Haj package cost has been reduced by approximately ₹50,000. Pilgrims will be allowed to bring their own bags and bedsheets instead of paying for custom-made items from the Haj Committee of India.

The Ministry has also increased the embarkation points for Haj from 10 to 25. The pilgrims will be given two options to choose their embarkation points.

The Ministry has announced that women above 45 years of age, who wish to go for Haj but do not have a male *mehram* (family member who can accompany them) can travel in groups of four or more women. These groups will be formed by the Haj Committee.

India, Canada FMs discuss Indo-Pacific cooperation, trade

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Indo-Pacific cooperation and trade were at the top of the agenda as Canadian Foreign Minister Melanie Joly met External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar for the India-Canada Strategic Dialogue in Delhi.

The visit is seen as an attempt by both sides to put bilateral ties back on track, after several turbulent years, and focused primarily on Canada's newly released Indo-Pacific strategy that calls India an important partner. Significantly, the MEA press release made no mention of recent tensions over vandalism by suspected pro-Khalistani groups in Canada.

"India welcomed the announcement of Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy, given the shared vision of a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific," the MEA said in a statement after the meeting, adding that they discussed developments in India's neighbourhood, Ukraine and cooperation in the United Nations.

China challenge

The Canadian strategy document released contains sharp words on China's "coercive" challenge to the international rules-based order and on human rights, and in contrast says India and Canada have a "shared tradition of democracy and pluralism, a common commitment to a rules-based international system and multilateralism, mutual interest in expanding our commercial relationship and extensive and growing people-to-people connections".

"2023 could become the year of India-Canada reset, given the Indo-Pacific strategy convergence, trade talks which could culminate in an EPTA [Early Progress Trade Agreement], and a number of high-level meetings this year," former High Commissioner to Ottawa Ajay Bisaria told *The Hindu*.

For the third time, Delhi municipal House fails to elect a Mayor

Muneef Khan
NEW DELHI

The House of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) failed to conduct the Mayor's election for the third time in one month, after presiding officer Satya Sharma (BJP) adjourned the meeting on Monday owing to ruckus.

Following the adjournment of the House meeting, senior AAP leader Manish Sisodia said the party had decided to seek the Supreme Court's intervention for "impartial mayoral elections".

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said that if the AAP moved the top court, the latter should give a "commitment that it would abide by the court's order".

In the run-up to initiating the process for the Mayor's election, Ms. Sharma announced that the 10 aldermen - nominated to the MCD by the Lieutenant-Governor - would vote in the elections to the office of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and of six members to the civic body's standing committee.

AAP councillor tries to snatch the microphone from MCD Mayor election presiding officer Satya Sharma in New Delhi on Monday. ANI

She added that the three above-mentioned internal elections will be held simultaneously, while AAP councillors opposed both decisions; the party's leader of the house in the MCD, Mukesh Goel said that Ms. Sharma's decisions were contrary to the provisions in the Delhi Municipal Corporation (DMC) Act.

According to the DMC Act, the aldermen do not have voting rights in meetings of the House, in which the internal elections are held.

Simultaneously, the provisions in the Act note the appointment of the presiding officer is for the Mayor's election, with MCD officials stating that the latter's role comes to an end after the Mayor is elected.

However, Ms. Sharma told *The Hindu* that her decisions were not contrary to provisions in the Act, and added that she decided on holding the three elections simultaneously, since "the AAP councillors wanted to specifically disrupt the elections of the six members to the standing committee." "This is because they (AAP) disrupted the previous two House meetings by creating a ruckus. Further, I decided to give voting rights to the aldermen based on a May 2016 judgment [*North Delhi Municipal Corporation vs Onika Mehrotra and others*] of the Delhi High Court," said Ms. Sharma.

However, MCD officials clarified that the said High Court judgment do not mention that aldermen can vote in the meetings of the House.

Delhi BJP working president Virendra Sachdeva - who also took a stance similar to that of Ms. Sharma's - said that a "top law officer of the country" had advised that the nominated councillors had the right to vote in the Mayor and Deputy Mayor elections.

"Probably, understanding this legal advice, the Presiding Officer of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi meeting decided that the nominated corporators can vote," said Mr. Sachdeva.

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(set by Arden)

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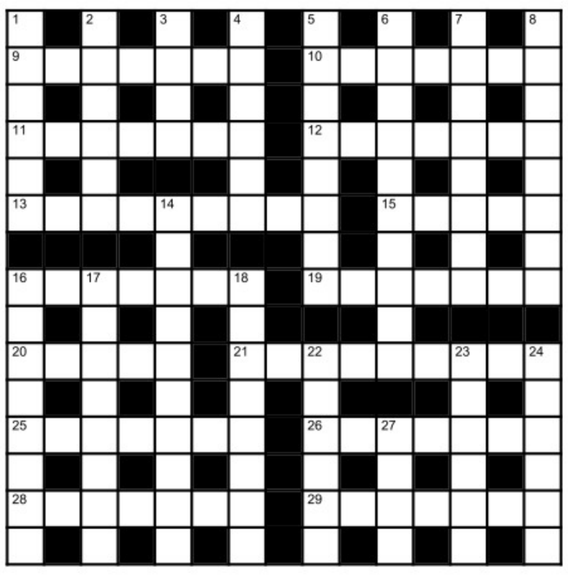

Across

9 Carriage for drink and social upheaval (7)
10 Poor men in this part of the world have a complaint (7)
11 Few will follow a leader who's foul (7)
12 Drink for child during breaks (7)
13 Angry worker getting one in a roll (9)
15 Said to be different - first class submarine tracker (5)
16 With regular dress two of them show unhappiness (7)
19 Grime spreading with ease - he just shifted base (7)
20 ... anyway, fair to include second language (5)
21 Established state language from the South of France (9)
25 Shot a goal, it was a pain (7)
26 Contact causing tense fighting (7)
28 Take it up with every vendor initially, go in to make them happy (7)
29 Look, in a way it accommodates a US base (7)

Down

1 Famous study to check eyes, "see I say" (6)
2 Unfortunately so, can I try my luck here? (6)
3 Pool with nothing covering on top (4)
4 Goddess with two articles, picks up one more (6)
5 Tape to be placed among group of people (8)
6 Earth, can it be made to burn? (10)
7 One to bad mouth a Fijian, perhaps (8)
8 Service area for butcher (8)
14 Instrument to cover part of London with resinous substance (7,3)
16 Animal gets to run with Sully (8)
17 It looks colourful right on board (8)
18 Hid rotten plants in grass and did it again (8)
22 It's a duty - once turn regularly and expose soil (6)
23 Able to point a gun at this predator (6)
24 Carriage between Brazil and Australia (6)
27 Beginners can have it, can get in (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Surrender, the simplest way

Bhakthi Yoga and Prapatthi are the two means prescribed for attaining salvation. In Bhakthi Yoga, one has to undergo severe penance with steadfastness controlling the mind without allowing it to be strayed. In the practice of Bhakthi yoga, incidentally one needs to be aware of Karma Yoga – connecting Him through activities and Jnana Yoga – connecting Him though knowledge. It is a concerted effort and a painstaking procedure. Sage Viswamithra had performed penance for a thousand years in each direction just to get one single title of 'Brahmarishi'. Besides, his penance was disturbed by damsels like Urvasi, Menaka and Rambha. Another condition stipulated for Bhakthi Yoga is 'Antimasmruthi' – that is we need to have the cognisance of God during our last time. A sage who was undergoing rigorous penance for thousands of years happened to see a deer struggling in a flood and he retrieved it. Ever thinking of the deer he breathed his last losing his Antimasmruthi and he was born as a deer in the next birth,

Scriptures say Prapatthi or Saranagathi, known as surrender, is the simplest way. The qualification prescribed for a person to do Saranagathi is to have an unshaken faith in God that He will save us. This is called 'Maha Viswasam'. We need to have the thought of 'Sesha-Seshi' bhavam. He is Seshi – the Controller and Supreme and we are all Sesha – His subjects and being controlled by Him. Antimasmruthi is not prescribed as a condition for Prapatthi. Sri Parasara Badri Bhattar swamy said in a discourse that by a simple surrender through an Acharya we can be assured of His blessings and ultimate moksha – the salvation.

ISLAMABAD

Former military ruler Musharraf's body to be flown to Pakistan

PTI

The body of Pakistan's exiled former military ruler Pervez Musharraf, who became a key U.S. ally during the "war on terror", is expected to be repatriated on Monday. Musharraf, who fled Pakistan in 2016 for medical treatment after a travel ban was lifted, died on Sunday aged 79 in Dubai after a long illness. AFP

CANBERRA

China, Australia Trade Ministers hold their first meeting since 2019

AP

Australian and Chinese Trade Ministers held their first bilateral meeting in three years on Monday as Australia urged China to lift barriers that cost exporters $14 billion a year. China has thawed its diplomatic freeze on Australia since PM Anthony Albanese's Labour Party was elected for the first time in nine years. AP

LONDON

U.K. faces biggest round of health service strikes; staff want pay hike

AP

Nurses and ambulance staff stepped up their demands for better pay on Monday to combat the U.K.'s cost of living crisis by launching their biggest round of health service strikes. The stoppages — part of a wave of industrial action across the U.K. economy — saw nurses and paramedics go on strike on the same day for the first time. AFP

WASHINGTON

'Most Democrats don't want Biden as Presidential candidate in 2024'

AP

A majority of Democrats now think one term is plenty for President Joe Biden. That's according to a new poll from *The Associated Press*-NORC Centre for Public Affairs Research that shows just 37% of Democrats say they want him to seek a second term, down from 52% in the weeks before last year's midterm elections. AP

China lodges protest over U.S. shooting down 'civilian airship'

Beijing says the U.S. 'overreacted' with 'abusive use of force'; admits that another balloon, spotted over Latin America, was also from China

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China's government said on Monday it had "lodged solemn representations" with the U.S. over the shooting down of a surveillance balloon that had drifted for several days over the continental U.S.

Beijing has acknowledged the balloon was from China, but denied it was for surveillance, instead describing it as a "civilian airship" used for meteorology.

The U.S. military on Sunday shot down the balloon in American airspace after it drifted east over the Atlantic, after days of floating over land.

China's Foreign Ministry on Monday said Vice Foreign Minister Xie Feng had on Sunday "lodged solemn representations with the U.S. Embassy in China over the U.S. use of force to attack China's civilian unmanned airship."

Mr. Xie "stressed that the entry of the Chinese airship into U.S. airspace due to force majeure was totally unexpected and accidental, and that the ins and outs of what happened are crystal clear and clearly do not allow room for distortion or smearing," the statement said.

"However, the U.S. side has turned a deaf ear to all of this and overreacted by insisting on the abusive use of force towards the civilian airship that was on route to leave U.S. airspace," he was quoted as saying, adding that "this act has seriously violated the spirit of international law and practice".

A Chinese balloon was shot down off the coast of Garden City in South Carolina on suspicion of spying on Saturday. REUTERS

"What the U.S. has done severely impacted and undermined the efforts and progress made by the two sides to stabilise China-U.S. relations since the two countries' leaders met in Bali, Indonesia," he said, referring to Presidents Joe Biden and Xi Jinping agreeing in November to prevent conflict. As part of that agreement, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken was expected to begin a visit to China on Monday. The U.S. cancelled the visit citing the balloon incident.

'Legitimate rights'

Mr. Xie said Beijing was "closely following the development of the situation, and will resolutely safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of the Chinese company concerned and safeguard China's interests and dignity, and reserves the right to further react in response to this matter, if necessary."

On Monday, the Foreign Ministry said another balloon that had been spotted over the skies of Latin America was also from China and had similarly drifted off course.

"With regard to the balloon over Latin America, it has been verified that the unmanned airship is from China, of civilian nature and used for flight test," spokesperson Mao Ning said. "Affected by the weather and with limited self-steering capability, the airship deviated far from its planned course and entered into the airspace of Latin America and the Caribbean. China is a responsible country and always acts in strict accordance with international law. We have informed relevant sides. It is being properly handled and will not pose any threat to any country. They have expressed their understanding."

Israeli troops kill five Palestinians in Jericho raid

Agence France-Presse
JERICHO

Israel said its forces killed on Monday five alleged Palestinian gunmen in a raid in the occupied West Bank, after a days-long search for suspects in a shooting near Jericho. Hamas Islamists confirmed its fighters were among the dead, saying in a statement the Gaza-based group was mourning members of its military wing killed "in an armed clash with the Zionist occupation".

The early morning Israeli raid came amid a spike in Israeli-Palestinian violence and after days of what Jericho authorities have described as a "siege" on the city since the shooting attack late last month.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the two suspected assailants and three others were killed on Monday by agents from the Shin Bet domestic security agency and soldiers. Israeli forces "took out five of those terrorists, two of whom had tried to carry out the attack" on January 28, the premier said.

An Israeli security official said the army was holding the bodies of the Palestinian dead.

One person critical

The Palestinian Health Ministry said one person remained in critical condition after being shot.

There were 235 fatalities in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in 2022, with nearly 90% of the deaths on the Palestinian side, according to *AFP* figures.

India to send disaster relief teams to quake-hit Turkey

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared that India will provide "all possible assistance" to Turkey to deal with the devastating earthquake that hit the country early on Monday. The decision was taken in a meeting led by P.K. Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, and was attended by the Cabinet Secretary and representatives of relevant Ministries.

"Anguished by the loss of lives and damage of property due to the Earthquake in Turkey. Condolences to the bereaved families. May the injured recover soon. India stands in solidarity with the people of Turkey and is ready to offer all possible assistance to cope with this tragedy," said Mr. Modi.

Rescue workers search for survivors under the rubble of a collapsed building in Diyarbakir, southeastern Turkey on Monday. AFP

The meeting decided to send search and rescue teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and medical professionals "immediately". Accordingly, two teams of the NDRF comprising 100 personnel with specially trained dog squads and medical personnel have been prepared to be deployed in the disaster-affected Turkish area. Medical teams consisting of doctors and paramedics with supplies are also "being readied".

A press release said, "Relief material will be dispatched in coordination with the government of Republic of Turkey and Indian Embassy in Ankara and Consulate General office in Istanbul".

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
IRRIGATION & CAD DEPARTMENT
Irrigation Circle, Hill Colony, Nalgonda District

Tenders is invited by Irrigation Circle, Hill Colony, Nalgonda District vide Notice No: 24SE/ICHC/2022-23, Dt. 02-02-2023 for work "Reaming of Porous drains in +250.00 gallery, +350.00 gallery and +420.00 gallery of Nagarjuna Sagar Dam, Nalgonda District, Telangana State" for an ECV Rs. 1,65,45,900/- is available from 06-02-2023 to 13-02-2023 at 3.00 PM and last date for receipt of bid is 13-02-2023 at 5.00 PM for further details see in e-procurement website.

Sd/- K. Dharma, 04.02.2023
DIPR R.O.No.12232-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2022-23 Dt.06.02.2023 Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Hill Colony.

KERALA INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (KINFRA), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
e-Tender

KINFRA invites DBOT basis online tenders from registered, competent, experienced and technically & financially sound contractors/firms for the following work:
Design, Construction and Commission of 250KLD Sewage Treatment Plant at KINFRA Integrated Industrial and Textile Park, Kanjikode, Palakkad including Operation and Maintenance for 5 years.

PAC	Bid Fee in Rs	EMD in Rs	Last Date of Submission
Rs. 4,88,86,500.00/-	Rs. 8,850.00/- (Inclusive of 18% GST)	Rs. 1,00,000.00/-	27/02/2023, 5.00 PM

The tender document(s), can be downloaded from the e-Government Procurement (e-GP) website **(www.etender.kerala.gov.in)**. For more details visit the website **www.kinfra.org**
Place : Thiruvananthapuram
Date : 06/02/2023
Sd/-
Managing Director

Government of Kerala
Published Tenders from 30-01-2023 to 05-02-2023

Forest Department

Tender ID: 2022_FD_539574_3 * Deputy Director * Construction, supplying, registration, navigation and mainte * Closing Date: 08-Feb-2023 * PAC: Rs29500000

Motor Vehicles Dept,Transport Commissionerate

Tender ID: 2023_MVD_555682_1 * Transport Commissioner * Establishment of Command and Control Centre and installation * Closing Date: 13-Feb-2023 * PAC: Rs37400000

Visit **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in** for more details.

Ro.No:30-05/Jan-Feb/2023/PRD/(N)18

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer (South) Lakes Division, Room No. 309, 3rd Floor, New Building, N.R.Square, Bengaluru-02

No: EE-South/Lakes/Tend-04/2022-23 **Date: 06.02.2023**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Short term Tender Notification-Two Cover System)
(Through e-Procurement Portal GOK website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in only)

Tender on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimated Cost of works (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Installation of Sluice gate (Flood Escape Gate) for lakes in South Zone	350.00	5,25,000.00
2.	Providing PMC for Installation of Sluice gate (Flood Escape Gate) for lakes in South Zone	350.00	25,000.00

Calendar of Events: 1) Bid Documents can be downloaded from : 09/02/2023. 2) Pre-bid meeting will be held on: 16/02/2023 at 15.00 PM. 3) Tender must be submitted online through E-Procurement portal on or before 16.00 hours on 20/02/2023. 4) Technical bid will be opened on 21/02/2023 at 16.30 hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South), Lakes

KMF Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited
KMF Complex, Dr. M. H. Marigowda Road, DRC Post, Bangalore-560 029.
Tel: 080-25536625 / 25536789 Fax: 080-25536105.

IFT:NO. KMF/ENGG/Solar Group Captive/2022-23 **Date: 07.02.2023**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION - 2ND CALL
[TWO COVER SYSTEM] [THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY]

The Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd, Bangalore invites tenders from eligible tenderers to Design, Finance, Installation, Commissioning, Synchronization, with Operations & Maintenance for a period of 25 years of capacity 110 MW Solar Power Plant on Group Captive Mode. The interested and reputed suppliers / manufacturers / firms who have handled similar kind of works may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also contact Help desk E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com and helpline no. 080-25501227/ 25501216.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty	EMD (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	Design, Finance, Installation, Commissioning, Synchronization, with Operations & Maintenance for a period of 25 years of approximate capacity 110 MW Solar Power Plant on Group Captive Mode.	1 Job	4,31,00,000/-	18 months (Execution) 25 Years (Operation & Maintenance)

1. Tender schedules may be downloaded from dated: 07.02.2023 to 24.02.2023 up to 4.00 pm.
2. Last date for Tender submission date:24.02.2023 up to 4.00 pm
3. Pre-bid meeting date: 13.02.2023 at 11.30 am
4. Tender [Part 1] to be opened on date: 27.02.2023 at 11.30 am.

Henceforth changes/modification in the tender, it will be uploaded on e-procurement portal only.

For KARNATAKA MILK FEDERATION LTD,
Sd/-
Director [Engineering-2]

Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation Limited (KUIDFC)
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Regd. Office: Nagarabhivruddhi Bhavan, # 22, 17th 'F' Cross, Old Madras Road, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Near BMTC Bus Depot, Bengaluru-560 038, Ph: 080-25196124-129 Fax: 25196110, Website: **www.kuidfc.com e-Mail: info@kuidfc.com**

No.IN-KUIDFC-339269-CS-QCBS Date: 07.02.2023

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Selection of agency for providing consultancy services for **"conducting Impact Evaluation of moving from Intermittent to continuous water supply in the project cities of Hubballi-Dharwad, Belagavi and Kalauragi"** in Karnataka State under the Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernization Project(KUWSMP).

KUIDFC is implementing 24x7 Continuous Pressurized Water Supply Scheme under the World Bank assisted "Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernization Project" (KUWSMP) in the cities of (i) Hubballi-Dharwad (ii) Belagavi and (iii) Kalaburagi. KUIDFC intends to procure below mentioned consultancy services:

Sl. No.	Name of the Assignment	Mode of Apply	Last date & time for Submission
1	Selection of agency for providing consultancy services for conducting Impact Evaluation of moving from Intermittent to continuous water supply in the project cities of Hubballi-Dharwad, Belagavi and Kalaburagi in Karnataka State under the Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernization Project(KUWSMP).	Through e-Portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**	**16.00 Hrs on 28.02.2023**

Interested Agencies may apply through e-portal. Details and other information on the proposed assignment is available on the Karnataka e-Procurement Portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/kuidfc from 07.02.2023.** For any clarifications, the Task Manager (KUWSMP), KUIDFC may be contacted. Telephone: +91 080 25196124, Email: **info@kuidfc.com**

Sd/- Task Manager, KUWSMP, KUIDFC.

Beyonce wins her 32nd Grammy award; Ricky Kej bags third prize

Agence France-Presse
LOS ANGELES

Pop queen Beyonce on Sunday reigned supreme at the Grammys, breaking the all-time record for wins with her 32nd prize and fourth of the night - but the Album of the Year prize slipped from her fingers, going instead to Brit Harry Styles. All of the top contenders including Adele, Taylor Swift and Lizzo went home with an award - but it was surprise after surprise in the top four categories.

She clinched the all-time Grammy record by winning the prize for Best Dance/Electronic Music Album for her smash "Renaissance," thus surpassing the late classical conductor Georg Solti,

Ricky Kej

who had 31 awards.

Music composer Ricky Kej, based out of Bengaluru, has won his third Grammy Award for the album 'Divine Tides' and dedicated the honour to his home country, India.

The U.S.-born musician shared the award with Stewart Copeland, the drummer of the iconic British rock band The Police, who collaborated with Mr. Kej on the album.

(*with inputs from PTI*)

Russia keeps up pressure as anniversary approaches

Associated Press
KYIV

Russian forces are keeping Ukrainian troops tied down with attacks in the eastern Donbas region as Moscow assembles additional combat power there for an expected offensive in the coming weeks, Ukrainian officials said on Monday. Weeks of intense fighting continued to rage around Bakhmut and the nearby towns of Soledar and Vuhledar, Ukraine's Presidential office said.

"The battles for the region are heating up," Donetsk Governor Pavlo Kyrylenko said in remarks, adding that "the Russians are throwing new units into the battle and eradicating our towns and villages."

INBRIEF

India's firm appetite for Russia oil lifts Jan. inflow to record

India's appetite for Russian crude oil in January rose to unseen levels, continuing to remain above traditional West-Asian suppliers' for the fourth month in a row, as refiners rushed to snap up plentiful cargoes available at a discount. From a market share of less than 1% in import basket before the start of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Russia's share of India's imports rose to 1.27 million barrels per day in January, taking a 28% share, as per energy cargo tracker Vortexa. PTI

Sundaram Finance Q3 net rises 20%, interim dividend is ₹12

Sundaram Finance Ltd. reported standalone net profit for the quarter ended December grew 20% to ₹243 crore. Total revenue from operations rose to ₹1,009 crore (₹958 crore), the firm said in a filing. Disbursements grew 45% to ₹5,553 crore. The board declared an interim dividend of ₹12 per share. "Looking ahead, as inflation eases and government capital expenditure crowds in private investment, we expect growth in the economy to pick up," said Rajiv C. Lochan, MD.

Retail vehicle sales jumped 14% in January, says FADA

Retail vehicle sales in India jumped 14% to about 1.8 million units in January, the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) said, adding that a reopening of factories in China would help improve the supply of vehicles. After strict COVID lockdowns in China, the country is seeing an uptick in factory activity, improving global supplies of parts and semiconductors, helping better vehicle supplies. This would fuel the growth of passenger vehicles, it said. PTI

'Salaried will surely pick new tax regime on retirement'

50% of personal income taxpayers are salaried, will gain from higher leave encashment limit on retirement whether they choose the new tax regime or the old today: Revenue Secretary

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Leave encashment benefits received by the salaried class at retirement, whose limit has been raised from ₹3 lakh to ₹25 lakh in the Budget, will be tax-free in their hands under the new income tax regime even if they switch to it in the year of retirement, Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra told *The Hindu* on Monday.

"If you ask how it helps the middle class, 50% of personal income taxpayers are salaried and they will benefit from the higher leave encashment limit at the time of retirement whether they choose the new tax regime now or the old today... That's what a lot of people are missing," he said, dismissing critiques of limited gains for the middle class beyond the new tax system.

"So it benefits all the salaried class... there is something for them which they are not realising today. But everyone has to retire someday and I'm pretty confident that in the year they retire, they will all opt for the new regime," he asserted, explaining that this would translate into savings of almost ₹7 lakh in taxes under the old system on the ₹22 lakh hike in the limit.

Encashing benefits

Revenue Secretary dismisses criticism of limited gains for middle class beyond new tax system

- All of the salaried class benefits. There is something for them on leave encashment that they don't realise today
- In the year of retirement, the salaried will see the benefit of the new regime and switch
- This would translate into savings of almost ₹7 lakh in taxes under the old system on the ₹22 lakh hike in the limit

Fed rate-hike fears fuel rupee's worst day since Sept.

Reuters
MUMBAI

The Indian rupee plunged against the dollar on Monday, marking its biggest daily decline in more than four months, as an upbeat U.S. jobs report fanned fears of more rate increases by the Federal Reserve, prompting analysts to reassess the prospect of more rate cuts this year.

The rupee fell 1% to 82.7250 per dollar, its biggest percentage fall since September 22. The rupee and other Asian currencies found few buyers after the U.S. economy added 5.17 lakh jobs in January.

Govt. opposes Vedanta move to offload global zinc assets to Hindustan Zinc

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The move queers the pitch for the Centre's plans to raise funds from selling residual shares in the market

Government nominees on the Hindustan Zinc (HZL) board have strongly opposed plans to purchase the overseas zinc assets of parent company Vedanta Ltd. for almost $3 billion, with the Centre flagging several concerns about this related-party transaction, including its rationale and valuations, a top official told *The Hindu*.

Although objections and concerns of all three government directors in the nine-member HZL board at a January 19 meeting were overridden with the company announcing the board's nod for the transaction, the government, which still has a 29.5% stake in HZL, is not convinced and disinclined to let the deal go through.

This also queers the pitch for the Centre's plans to raise funds from selling its residual shares in the market.

"The government's directors have opposed the deal as several aspects, including the valuations are not convincing. It is not an 'in-principle' thing, but also about valuations, it's a related party," the official explained

"Vedanta is also listed and HZL is also its group company, so, if these assets are good, they will accrue to the group in their current structure too," the official added.

Adani promoters prepay $1,114 mn in debt to release shares

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

The promoters' move is aimed at reassuring investors amid a rout in the companies' stocks

Gautam Adani and his family, the promoters of the Adani Group of companies, have prepaid $1,114 million worth of borrowings raised via pledging of shares of various listed entities, ahead of the schedule payment in September 2024.

The move is aimed at reassuring investors amid a rout in the firms' stocks following a report published by U.S. short seller Hindenburg Research, raising concerns about the 'substantial debt' of group entities.

"This is in continuation of the promoters' assurance to prepay all share-backed financing," the group said in a statement. In its report, Hindenburg Research had accused the Ahmedabad-based group of "stock price manipulation by using shares as collateral."

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	60,507	-0.55
US Dollar	82.75	-1.09
Gold	57,155	-1.33
Brent oil	79.53	–

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1572.70	-14.10
Adani Ports	545.45	46.60
Apollo Hosp	4320.70	69.10
Asian Paints	2754.20	-6.20
Axis Bank	882.65	0.05
Bajaj Auto	3849.10	-3.45
Bajaj Finserv	1343.05	5.60
Bajaj Finance	6104.20	89.95
Bharti Airtel	789.25	-3.65
BPCL	333.75	7.05
Britannia Ind	4625.65	-3.20
Cipla	1029.80	7.50
Coal India	219.60	0.70
Divis Lab	2778.00	-106.35
Dr Reddys Lab	4349.55	-8.80
Eicher Motors	3260.70	-56.00
Grasim Ind	1618.10	1.75
HCL Tech	1145.70	-0.45
HDFC	2683.15	-11.50
HDFC Bank	1651.75	-7.05
HDFC Life	482.05	-6.85
Hero MotoCorp	2695.00	40.75
Hindalco	447.35	-12.30
Hind Unilever	2637.60	-11.15
ICICI Bank	853.70	-10.10
IndusInd Bank	1129.15	25.60
Infosys	1569.85	-29.55
ITC	383.40	2.75
JSW Steel	711.05	-20.80
Kotak Bank	1747.00	-33.30
L&T	2156.10	-10.45
M&M	1376.00	-12.00
Maruti Suzuki	8908.00	-34.30
NestleIndia	19021.50	17.20
NTPC	166.05	0.50
ONGC	143.50	-0.80
PowerGrid Corp	217.05	2.20
Reliance Ind	2311.45	-17.55
SBI Life	1138.40	0.35
State Bank	545.40	1.20
Sun Pharma	1023.35	-4.80
TataConsumerProduct	729.75	3.15
Tata Motors	442.00	-3.45
Tata Steel	117.45	-2.90
TCS	3459.95	-22.35
Tech Mahindra	1005.35	-5.95
Titan	2458.00	-5.10
UltraTech Cement	7127.25	-61.95
UPL	714.55	-1.15
Wipro	404.65	-3.25

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on February 06

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.53	82.85
Euro	88.81	89.15
British Pound	99.27	99.66
Japanese Yen (100)	62.40	62.64
Chinese Yuan	12.17	12.22
Swiss Franc	89.02	89.36
Singapore Dollar	62.25	62.50
Canadian Dollar	61.38	61.63
Malaysian Ringitt	19.25	19.33
Australian Dollar	56.88	57.11

Source:Indian Bank

Looks like Hindenburg has done its homework on Adani, says NYU professor

'Corporations are more likely to be corporate autocracies in practice... it becomes terrifying when the holding firm is controlled by a family, and dangerous when that family holding company has political connections'

INTERVIEW

Aswath Damodaran

Prashanth Perumal

Hindenburg Research has done its homework on the Adani Group, said Aswath Damodaran, a renowned professor of finance at New York University. But the New York-based investment research firm risks losing credibility if the Group manages to prove even just some trivial components of Hindenburg's report as wrong, he said in an interview.

It has been more than a year since the U.S. and many other stock markets peaked. So, do equity investors today have a lot of good buying opportunities?

I think markets overall are close to fairly valued, as long as the market consensus holds – that inflation will come down quickly and that a recession, if it occurs, will have only a mild effect on earnings. If oneor both of these assumptions is incorrect, there will be problems. See this post of mine for the explicit details: https://aswathdamodaran.blogspot.com/2023/01/data-update-2-for-2023-rocky-year-for.html

When do you expect stocks to resume their uptrend?

To be honest, why does it matter, if you are an investor? If you are a trader, you care about price moves in the here and the now, but I am not. As long as the market when you get in is not massively overvalued, and you have found a stock that you believe if offered to give you good value for the price you are paying, does it matter to you that the stock may go down a few days, weeks or even months before it delivers?

If your answer is yes, you may not be temperamentally suited to investing, but trading to be your game.

How do you view corporate governance and the regulation of equity markets in India in the wake of the Adani-Hindenburg tussle?

Corporations are shareholder democracies only in theory and are more likely to be corporate autocracies in practice. That, of course, becomes worse when you invest in a holding company, which is a holding pen for a dozen or more different companies; terrifying, when that holding company is controlled by a family, that can move value across the held companies; and dangerous, when that family holding company has political connections. I would take the Hindenburg Group's thesis with a grain of salt, because they do have an interest in it being true, but it looks like they have done their homework. My critique is that by making so many different assertions of wrongdoing in the company, some trivial and some massive, they risk losing credibility, since all that Adani has to do is to show that one of the trivial components of the thesis does not hold up.

What does the future hold for cryptocurrencies after their crash in 2022? Will they make a comeback, and will central banks allow that to happen?

Since very few were using them in actual transactions prior to 2022, and very few are using them now, I am not sure that much has changed. Bitcoin is an inefficient currency and a poor-performing collectible, leaving open the question of what exactly you were getting for $50,000 in 2021, $20,000 today or $2,000 or $200,000 a year from now.

Blue Star to set up new unit in Sri City for exports

The Hindu Bureau
TADA

Air-conditioning major Blue Star has commenced operations of its subsidiary at Sri City, Andhra Pradesh, and plans to set up one more unit, said MD B. Thiagarajan.

"Since January 2023, Blue Star has started producing room ACs from Sri City. In the first phase, the unit will manufacture 3 lakh room ACs, which will be scaled up to 1.2 million units per annum by FY27," the Mr. Thiagarajan said.

For the new unit, 40 acres would be procured in Sri City to make commercial ACs and also to cater to export needs, he added.

Tamilnadu Petro net falls 46% on high input costs

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Tamilnadu Petroproducts' standalone net profit for the quarter ended December contracted 46% to ₹25 crore on high input costs.

Revenue from operations increased from ₹448 crore to ₹511 crore, while cost of materials increased by 40% to ₹323 crore, TPL said in a regulatory filing.

"The company sustained its momentum from the prior quarter with improved revenue. However, global economic challenges, particularly rising raw material costs, hit profitability," said vice chairman Ashwin Muthiah.

Government of Karnataka
Office of The Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Haveri
Email : eeprednhvr@gmail.com Tel. No: 08375-232454
No.EE/PREDn/HVR/PB-2/Tender/2022-23/Dated:04-02-2023

E-Procurement Short Time Tender Notification No.55/2022-23/1&2 Call)

The Panchayath Raj Engineering Department through Executive Engineer Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Haveri on behalf of Governor of Karnataka invites the E-Portal Tender as per KW-2&3 from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with P.W.D registered for e-Procurement for each of the following works **5054** head of account work as follows. Details can also be obtained in www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

1) Development to road from Kunchur to Hullatti road in Rattihalli Taluk of Haveri District. (Km 0.00 to 5.20) **(INDENT95380/Call-2)**

(1) Last date for uploading completed tender form And documents e-procurement documents through online : **13-02-2023** upto 4.00 PM (2) Date of Technical bid opening (if possible) : **14-02-2023** @ 5.00 PM (3) Date of Financial bid Opening (if possible) : **17-02-2023** @ 11.00 AM

More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through our website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in by clicking List of Tenders which will link to all Dept. works list.

DIPR/HVR/KSMCA/522/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Haveri

Zilla Panchayat, Chikkaballapura
Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chikkaballapura

e-Procurement Short-Term Tender Notification No.: 24/2022-23, Date: 18.01.2023

(Applications Invited for Tenders subject to Standard Tender document KW-I Rules.)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Itemwar Tender is invited through e-procurement in Single Cover System as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 for below mentioned works in the limits of Chikkaballapura Division from authorized Contractors enrolled in appropriate class in PWD. Application for e-procurement documents should be submitted in Department website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** **(1)** Last date for submitting application through e-procurement and submitting filled schedule-B in website: **16.02.2023 up to 16.30 hours. (2)** Date of opening Technical Bid: **17.02.2023 after 16.35 hours. (3)** Application Fee (Non-returnable): As per e-procurement Rules.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Chikkaballapura
DIPR/Chikkaballapura/R.O. No.484/MCA/2022-23

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intend to purchase the Agricultural dry land bearing Sy.No. 33 measuring an extent 03 acres 07 guntas situated at **Narayanapura Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** from its owner **Mr. Amarendra N.K. S/o Krishnappa C.** Residibng at, Narayanapura Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk Bangalore Rural District -562110, notice is hereby given to general public that any person/s, Bank /firms/ financial institution etc., having any right, title, claim, demand whatsoever in respect of the schedule property are hereby called upon to submit their objection in writing together with documentary proof to establish their claim. This should reach to the undersigned address given below within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice. If any objections are not received within the stipulated time. It shall be presumed that no one has got any right, title, claim, etc., upon the schedule property and my client proceed to enter into sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the dry agricultural land bearing **Sy No.33** measuring to an extent of 03 Acre 07 Gunta Agricultural dry land bearing Sy.No. 33 measuring an extent 03 acres 07 guntas situated at **Narayanapura Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** and bounded on:

East By : Bijjavara Narayanapura Road
West By : Site No.32, belongs to Bhrathesh
North By : Land belongs to Surya Narayanappa and Venkatesh
South By : Land belongs to Narayanappa and Muniyamma

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Place : Devanahalli Date : 06-02-2023

City Municipal Council, Chikkaballapura
Phone:08156-275557, Fax: 08156-274742
e-mail: **itstaff_ulb_chickballapur@yahoo.co.in** Website: **www.chikkaballapurcity.gov.in**
No.: CMCC/TS/ T.N./CR/30/2022-23 Date: 30.01.2023

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Chikkaballapura invites Itemwar Rate Tenders (in e-procurement system) as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, from authorized, eligible class of civil contractors registered in PWD and eligible class Agencies for implementation of the below mentioned works under 15th Finance General Basic Grant Scheme for the year 2022-23. Those interested can submit Tender online through website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be viewed in **www.chikkaballapurcity.mrc.gov.in** **(1)** Last date for submission of objections/further details regarding the Tender: **15.02.2023 up to 11.00 AM. (2)** Last date for submission of filled tenders through website: **15.02.2023 up to 5.30 PM. (3)** Date of opening the Technical Bid: **17.02.2023 at 11.00 AM. (4)** Date of opening the Financial Bid: **22.02.2023 at 11.00 AM.** If the above mentioned dates are declared as public holidays, then the next days will be considered.

Name of the work: (1) DMA/2022-23/ND14937. Approx. Amount of Work: **Rs. 58.00 Lakhs.** Head of Account: **15th Finance General Basic Grant Scheme for the year 2022-23.** Class of Eligible Contractors: **Eligible Class Agencies.** Time period fixed for completion of work: **1 Month. (2) DMA/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT138701/CALL-3.** Approx. Amount of Work: **Rs. 14.88 Lakhs.** Head of Account: **15th Finance General Basic Grant Scheme for the year 2022-23.** Class of Eligible Contractors: **Eligible Class PWD Contractors (Civil).** Time period fixed for completion of work: **3 Months.**

Sd/- President
City Municipal Council, Chikkaballapura

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner
City Municipal Council, Chikkaballapura

DIPR/Chikkaballapura/R.O. No.489/MCA/2022-23

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HIGH PRAISE

Dhoni is an absolute champion and an all-time great: Ganguly

Sourav Ganguly, speaking at *Sportstar's* East Sports Conclave in Kolkata on Monday, heaped praise on M.S. Dhoni. "He's an absolute champion, one of the all-time greats of Indian cricket coming from Ranchi and a state that hardly produced India players. He changed a generation of players around him and made them believe."

INNINGS CONTINUES

Unofficially, I've been mentoring Bengal for over 15 years: Jhulan

"Officially I am mentoring now after my retirement. Unofficially, I've been mentoring Bengal for over 15 years. I am involved in the scouting and grassroots talent work CAB does, and that's how we unearthed talent like Richa Ghosh. For the team too, I try and keep things light and be open to my teammates reaching out," says Jhulan Goswami.

ONE AMONG THE STARS

Under-19 WC winner Titas Sadhu gets the 'Emerging Hero' award

Titas Sadhu, a member of the Indian team which won the inaugural U-19 Women's T20 World Cup recently, bagged the 'Emerging Hero' award. "I don't think I deserve to share the stage with the ones with me (Ganguly, Paes and Gurbux Singh). They have done so much for our country. I hope to follow in their footsteps."

HONOURING A HERO

Vece Paes receives the 'Unsung Hero' award

Olympian hockey player Dr. Vece Paes received the 'Unsung Hero' award. Apart from being an Olympian, Dr. Paes has worn many hats with ease. He is a father and mentor to Indian tennis legend Leander and a medical consultant with a number of sports bodies — including the BCCI and the Indian Davis Cup team.

Only certain T20 leagues will survive: Ganguly

The former India skipper, while speaking about the growing stature and relevance of the franchise leagues, feels that the players will ultimately realise that playing for the country is also important

Recalling the memorable days: Vece Paes, centre, and Gurbux, right, with Leander, Ganguly and Ayon Sengupta during *Sportstar*'s East Conclave in Kolkata on Monday. DEBASISH BHADURI

EAST CONCLAVE

Sports Bureau

Former India captain Sourav Ganguly spoke about 'Rich Legacy, Promising Future: Sports in Bengal', at *Sportstar*'s first-ever East Sports Conclave-Focus West Bengal in Kolkata on Monday. The session was moderated by Ayon Sengupta, Editor of the publication.

Ganguly spoke about how cricket has evolved over the years. "Cricket has changed tremendously over the years. Not just cricket, every sport has changed. Cricket has become sound financially.

"Even the quality has improved. I never knew quality and finance could go hand in hand. The great Sunil Gavaskar would bat against the West Indies greats without wearing a helmet."

Talking about the upcoming India-Australia series, Ganguly said: "During my time, I used to go to Australia once in 7-8 years. Now India goes so often to Australia, South Africa and England. Look at the Australian team. They are not even playing a warm-up match (now in Border-Gavaskar Trophy). This is because they are familiar with the Indian pitches."

About the disappointing debut tour down under in 1991-92 when he did not get enough opportunities, Ganguly said: "It was more important that I kept playing on the tour. I kept playing the Ranji Trophy and also enjoyed playing First Class cricket.

"I had opportunities to have the selectors keep watching me and eventually got my chance to play in 1996," said the former BCCI president.

Speaking about the decline of teams like the West Indies and Zimbabwe, he felt that the administrative bodies had a major role to play. "When teams struggle, it has a lot to do with the administration as it is very important to hold on to the players."

On the growing stature of big-money leagues and their relevance, Ganguly said: "In a few years, only certain leagues will survive due to the ecosystem. Ultimately, the players will realise the country is as important as the league."

The 'Vision 2020' programme, according to Ganguly, has been the game-changer for cricket in Bengal. "Vision 2020 is why we have so many talented players. We rope them in early and keep working on their development. Mukesh Kumar, Abhimanyu (Easwaran), Shahbaz (Ahmed) have all come from the system. We have Akash Deep also. They are not lost after a few years. We monitor their fitness and workload.

"There are youngsters like Mukesh coming up. He hails from a very ordinary background but just wanted to play the game and did not know what to do."

(The Sportstar East Sports Conclave was held in association with Hero We Care – a Hero Motocorp CSR Initiative, Indian Oil, Shiv-Naresh, Rau's IAS Study Circle, Pinnacle Infotech, Maithan Alloys Ltd, Merlin Group, SRMB, Techno India Group's Sister Nivedita University, Meghbela Broadband and Indian Bank).

'The purpose of my life was decided at a young age due to my parents'

Sports Bureau

Indian tennis legend and Olympic medallist Leander Paes spoke about creating future Olympic champions at the *Sportstar* East Sports Conclave 2023 on Monday. The session was moderated by *The Hindu* Sports Editor, K.C. Vijaya Kumar.

Paes said he was lucky to belong to a family of sportspersons (father: Dr. Vece Paes, hockey; mother: Jennifer Paes, basketball) for which he never had to face any major roadblock when he started out. "Coming from India, with such a rich heritage, we should be aware of the legacy we are born with – especially in a State like West Bengal. The environment of the home was very supportive and the purpose of my life was decided at a very young age due to the help of my parents," said Paes.

Frankly speaking: Leander put forth his views on various issues in his chat with K.C. Vijaya Kumar. DEBASISH BHADURI

The Olympic bronze medallist, too, had heroes to look up to. "I was lucky I had heroes to look up to. Chuni Goswami, Premjit Lall, Jaidip Mukerjea. I have immense respect for Jaidip *sir's* father because he used to give me tips every day."

Commercialisation

Paes said that sponsorships come only when a player reaches a certain stage. "In the 90s, tennis was becoming more commercialised. There was no real corporate sponsorship or government support. But what about the players who are growing, the unknown players," Paes asked.

"I think as a country, we have not been able to hit even 50% of our sporting talent. Most of it is concentrated in the rural areas," he said.

Paes said that in a country like India, which is plagued with mental health issues and diseases like obesity, sports can be the answer to a healthy way of life.

Talking about dealing with failures, Paes said, "It is not about how you win or lose. It is about how you rebound after a loss."

Paes praised the functioning of professional cricket in India. "The BCCI should be emulated by all sports

The biggest challenge was to convince my parents to allow me to play: Jhulan

Sports Bureau

Former India pacer Jhulan Goswami, IPL Governing Council member Avishek Dalmiya and former India cricketer Saradindu Mukherjee spoke on the promising future of cricket in Bengal during *Sportstar*'s East Sports Conclave 2023.

The session was moderated by *Sportstar*'s assistant editor Shayan Acharya.

Making a point: Jhulan shares her thoughts as Avishek Dalmiya and Saradindu Mukherjee look on. DEBASISH BHADURI

Jhulan talked about the challenges she faced on way to becoming a star. "The journey hasn't been easy but I had a dream of playing at least one match bowl or even one over for India. Growing up in Chakdah, there wasn't much scope for cricket.

"The biggest challenge was convincing my parents because I was travelling to Kolkata everyday and missing out on school and studies. Hailing from a middle-class family, playing cricket was not easy."

However, Jhulan accepts, women's cricket is seeing better days. "If you compare now with the time I started, visibility is much more."

Saradindu elaborated on how sport has become financially more rewarding.

"Financially speaking, domestic cricket has become more rewarding because of the IPL and BCCI. And that is because of a gentleman called Jagmohan Dalmiya, Avishek's father. Not just men's but he worked for the women's game as well."

Avishek Dalmiya was positive about Bengal's Ranji Trophy chances. "It is only a matter of time before we pull it off. We have a mixture of youth and experience. There is Manoj Tiwary, who is leading from the front. Laxmi Ratan Shukla is the coach and he can bring in the killer instinct."

While speaking on the Cricket Association of Bengal's ambitious 'Vision 2020' programme, Jhulan praised former India cricketer V.V.S. Laxman who, she said, has done phenomenal work on the sidelines.

"It is not always about skill. You also have to handle pressure situations a lot of times. For this reason, players should have good mentors. There should be a similar vision for women also."

SNAPSHOTS

WPL to be played in Mumbai from March 4-26

The much-awaited inaugural season of the Women's Premier League (WPL) will be played from March 4 to 26 in Mumbai.

The Brabourne Stadium and the D.Y. Patil Stadium will host all the matches with the tournament opener, expected to be played between Gujarat Giants and Mumbai Indians-owned franchise.

"The Women's Premier League will be played from March 4 to 26 in Mumbai," IPL chairman Arun Dhumal told *PTI* on Monday.

Dhumal also confirmed that the auction will take place on February 13 in Mumbai, a day after India's T20 World Cup match against Pakistan.

Chanderpaul. AP

With the five teams fetching ₹4669.99 crore and the BCCI selling the media rights for ₹951 crore, the WPL is the second biggest T20 League in the world behind the Indian Premier League.

Tagenarine and Brathwaite in record-breaking stand

Tagenarine Chanderpaul made an unbeaten 207 after setting a new West Indies record of 336 for the first wicket with Kraigg Brathwaite on Monday before the tourists declared at 447 for six in the first Test against host Zimbabwe in Bulawayo. The stand surpassed the 298-run partnership by Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes against England in 1990. It is the ninth highest opening Test partnership.

Brathwaite made 182 before being trapped leg-before while Chanderpaul, the son of former West Indies skipper Shivnarine, finished on 207 not out after hitting a six to reach a double ton in only his third Test outing.

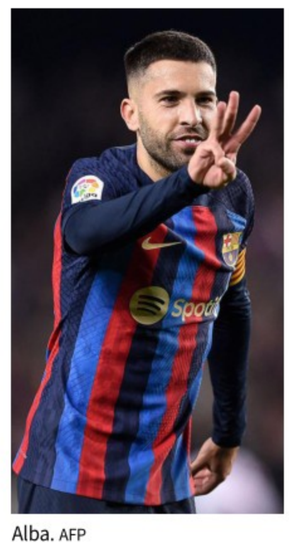
The scores: West Indies 447/6 decl. in 143 overs (Kraigg Brathwaite 182, Tagenarine Chanderpaul 207 n.o., Brandon Mavuta 5/140) vs Zimbabwe 114/3 in 41.4 overs (Innocent Kaia 59 batting).

Black Hawks down Defenders

Hyderabad Black Hawks registered an emphatic win in the Prime Volleyball League in Bengaluru, beating season one finalist Ahmedabad Defenders 3-2 in their campaign opener on Monday. The Black Hawks lost the opening set 13-15 but went on to win the next three sets 15-9, 15-14 and 15-11 to seal the issue in their favour before losing the final set 10-15.
Black Hawks' Guru Prashanth was named the Player-of-the-Match.
Kochi Blue Spikers will take on Chennai Blitz on Tuesday.

Barcelona swamps Sevilla, takes eight-point lead

Barcelona stretched its LaLiga lead over Real Madrid to eight points with a comfortable 3-0 win over Sevilla on Sunday.
After a tight first half, Jordi Alba broke the deadlock before the hour mark, with further goals from Gavi and Raphinha helping wrap up the win.
Barcelona's gameplan was initially set back when captain Sergio Busquets was forced off with an ankle injury after just four minutes, replaced by Franck Kessie.
Jorge Sampaoli's Sevilla, 16th after a dismal start to the season, sat deep with five defenders and looked to frustrate Barcelona at every turn.
Alba pounced with a tidy finish after a superb assist from Kessie, who turned well and dinked the ball into the Spaniard's path.
After Sevilla shifted to a more attacking formation Raphinha teed up Gavi for the second with a raking low pass that left the youngster with a tap-in at the back post in the 70th minute. Alba crossed for former Leeds United winger Raphinha to finish from point-blank range for the third goal, wrapping up a good day for the hosts.



Alba. AFP

The win was Barcelona's 10th in its last 11 league games and it is now unbeaten in 15 matches across all competitions.

Barcelona has conceded just seven goals in LaLiga this season, the win against Sevilla its 15th clean sheet.

In Bundesliga, a stunning solo goal from Bayern Munich teenager Jamal Musiala sealed a 4-2 away win at Wolfsburg on Sunday, sending the visitors back to the top of the table.

The result: LaLiga: Barcelona 3 (Alba 58, Gavi 70, Raphinha 79) bt Sevilla 0.

INBRIEF

Barca's Busquets set to miss first Manchester United clash

Sergio Busquets is a doubt for Barcelona's Europa League clash with Manchester United after the Catalan club confirmed on Monday that he has sprained his ankle. Reports in Spain said Busquets is poised to miss between two and three weeks after going off early in Barca's 3-0 win over Sevilla on Sunday at Camp Nou.

Odisha FC holds on to seal a 1-1 draw against FC Goa

Odisha FC held on to seal a 1-1 draw against FC Goa in an Indian Super League match in Bhubaneswar on Monday. First-half goals from Noah Sadaoui and Diego Mauricio had set up a big second half for the two playoff contenders who will likely be happy with a result that didn't damage either of their prospects.

Becker welcomed back 'with open arms' by German tennis

Boris Becker has been welcomed back to German tennis "with open arms", seven weeks after being released from a London prison. Becker, 55, sat in the team's box during Saturday's Davis Cup loss to Switzerland in the western city of Trier, posting on Instagram on Sunday "we fought hard and left everything on the court".

Man City charged by PL over alleged financial rule breaches

Manchester City has been referred to an independent commission over more than 100 alleged breaches of Premier League finance rules. The breaches stretch from the 2009-10 season to the 2017-18 campaign, the league added. If the charges are proved, City could face a range of sanctions.

LIVE TELECAST

KIYG: Star Sports 3, DD Sports, Hotstar & FanCode, 10 a.m. onwards
Zimbabwe vs West Indies: 1st Test, day 4, FanCode, 1 p.m.
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 2 & 4.30 p.m.
PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.15 a.m. (Wednesday)

Aditi triumphs by nine shots to clinch fourth LET title

The Indian, who totalled 12-under 280, ended a long drought as she had last won in Abu Dhabi in November 2017; India's top amateur, teenager Avani finishes tied ninth

KENYA LADIES OPEN

Press Trust of India
NAIROBI

Aditi Ashok turned in one of the most dominating performances on the Ladies European Tour (LET) with a nine-shot win at the Magical Kenya Ladies Open on Sunday.

It was the fourth victory on the LET for the 24-year-old Aditi, who now plays mostly on the LPGA in the United States.

Aditi also ended a long drought as she last won in Abu Dhabi in November 2017.

Her first two titles came in successive starts – at the Hero Women's Indian Open and then the following week in Qatar Ladies Open.

"It has been a great week, it's proof to myself that my off-season and hard work has paid off. I think the last few holes I didn't make very many good swings but it's all good, I guess," said Aditi

Aditi shot rounds of 67-70-69-74 and totalled 12-under 280 at the Par-73 Vipingo Ridge, where she had finished runner-up in 2019, the year the event was first held. Her record in the LET is good as she has won four times in 60 starts and finished in the top-10 20 times, which means she has a top-10 finish once in every three tournaments.

Cut above the rest: Aditi has now won four times in 60 starts and finished in the top-10 20 times in the LET. TWITTER@ADITIGOLF

Maiden LPG crown?

With this victory, she may well be looking for her maiden LPGA crown, which could make her the first Indian to win on the LPGA.

Aditi, who had won professional events at home even while being an amateur, came within a whisker of an Olympic medal at the Tokyo Games.

She finished fourth but was feted by an entire nation.

Even as Aditi held the spotlight, India's top amateur, teenager Avani Prashanth ended tied ninth, while Amandeep Drall finished joint 55th.

Karnataka women to clash with Railways for the title

Sports Bureau

Half-centuries from D. Vrinda (81) and G. Divya (71), and a four-wicket haul by Sahana S. Pawar (4/41) helped Karnataka defeat Rajasthan by 57 runs to enter the final of the BCCI Senior Women's One Day Trophy.

Railways prevails

In the final to be played in Ranchi on Tuesday, Karnataka will clash with Railways, which put it across Uttarakhand by 17 runs.

The scores (semifinals):
Karnataka 256 for eight in 50 overs (D. Vrinda 81, Shishira A. Gowda 32, G. Divya 71, Veda Krishnamurthy 37, B.R. Meena 3/48) bt Rajasthan 199 in 45 overs (Ayushi Garg 71, Jasia Akhter 49, Sahana S. Pawar 4/41).
Railways 224 for eight in 50 overs (Renuka Chaudhari 31, Mona Meshram 72, D. Hemalatha 68, Mansi Joshi 3/31) bt Uttarakhand 207 for nine in 50 overs (Raghvi Bist 30, Kanchan Parihar 38, Neelam Bhardwaj 38, Mansi Joshi 35, Swagatika Rath 5/32).

Ian Chappell wants curators to be given freedom to prepare sporting wickets

CRICKET

Sports Bureau
MUMBAI

Former Australian captain Ian Chappell has expressed his desire for curators across the world to be given the freedom to prepare sporting Test match pitches while former India head coach Ravi Shastri hoped the Border-Gavaskar Trophy pitches will see turning tracks to suit India, the home team.

"There is a lot of crap spoken about pitches. I believe no one other than the curator should have a say on what wickets are produced. I don't think it should be up to the players, the manager, the coach, anybody! You just produce a good pitch. Surely a curator has been a player and wants to produce a good pitch," Chappell said on Monday, three days ahead of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy opener in Nagpur.

Shastri, who was in conversation with Chappell during an online event organised by Star Sports, the series broadcaster, deferred with his fellow expert.

Making a point: Shastri wants pitches to favour home teams while Chappell feels curators should make sporting tracks. FILE PHOTOS

Turning track

"I want the ball to turn from Day 1! If you lose the toss, so be it. You want to see the ball turning a bit. Or something there for the bowlers on offer from Day 1. It's your strength. You're playing at home. Capitalise on it," Shastri said.

The four-Test series will begin in Nagpur on Thursday. India trained at the match venue on Monday after a two-day stint at the old stadium. Australia, meanwhile, travelled to Nagpur after training on turning tracks in Bengaluru last week.

25-member India team named for Asian Indoor Championships

ATHLETICS

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NEW DELHI

Shot putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor, sprinter Amlan Borgohain and hurdler Y. Jyothi will be among the 25 top Indian athletes who will take part in the Asian Indoor Athletics Championships to be held in Astana, Kazakhstan, from February 10 to 12.

Other top Indian athletes taking part include long jumpers Jeswin Aldrin and Muhammed Anees Yahiya among men and Shaili Singh in long jump among women.

The team:

Men: Elakiya Dasan, Amlan Borgohain (both 60m), Tejas Shirse (60m hurdles), Sarvesh Anil Kushare, T. Aromal (both high jump), Siva Subramaniam, Prashant Singh Kanahiya (both pole vault).

Jeswin Aldrin, Muhammed Anees Yahiya (both long jump), Praveen Chithravel, A.B. Arun (both triple jump), Tajinderpal Singh Toor, Karanveer Singh (both shot put).

Women: Y. Jyothi (60m & 60m hurdles), Archana Suseendran (60m), Sapna Kumari (60m hurdles), Abhinaya Shetty (high jump), Rosy Meena Paulraj, Pavithra Venkatesh (both pole vault).

Shaili Singh (long jump), N.V. Sheena, Poorva Hitesh Sawant (both triple jump), Abha Khatua (shot put), Swapna Barman, Sowmiya Murugan (both pentathlon).

Thanks should deliver in the Elite Zone Plate

RACING

HYDERABAD: Trainer L.V.R. Deshmukh's mare Thanks should score over her rivals in the Elite Zone Plate, the main event of Tuesday's (Feb. 7) races.

1 MADANNA PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), 4-y-o and upward, rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 12.50 p.m.: 1. Gusty Note (9) S. Saqlain 60, 2. Sea Of Class (3) D.S. Deora 60, 3. That's My Way (2) P. Ajeeth Kumar 60, 4. N R I Majestic (1) Surya Prakash 59, 5. Nishaan (5) Mohit Singh 59, 6. Aiza (4) Aneel 58.5, 7. Raniji (7) Rafique Sk. 54.5, 8. Red River (6) Md. Ekram Alam 54 and 9. Space Time (8) Kuldeep S 54.
1. GUSTY NOTE,
2. SEA OF CLASS,
3. THAT'S MY WAY

2 PERCEIVED VALUE PLATE (1,100m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II), 1.20: 1. Brilliant Star (6) Suraj Narredu 56, 2. Colt Pistol (3) G. Naresh 56, 3. Rival (5) Koushik 56, 4. Thunder Knight (8) Aneel 56, 5. Bold Beauty (7) Santosh Raj 54.5, 6. Silver Salver (4) D.S. Deora 54.5, 7. Warwick (1) Akshay Kumar 54.5 and 8. Windsor (2) Mukesh Kumar 54.5.
1. WARWICK, 2
. BOLD BEAUTY,
3. BRILLIANT STAR

3 MALVADO PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 1.50: 1. Aerial Combat (5) Gaurav Singh 60, 2. Pinatubo (7) Mukesh Kumar 60, 3. Linewiler (10) Kiran Naidu 58, 4. Explosive (6) Aneel 56.5, 5. Blazing Jupiter (8) P. Ajeeth Kumar 55, 6. Inside Story (9) Nakhat Singh 54, 7. Spectacular Cruise (2) S. Saqlain 54, 8. Good Tidings (3) Mohit Singh 53.5, 9. Pedro Planet (1) Afroz Khan 53.5 and 10. Exponent (4) Surya Prakash 50.5.
1. PINATUBO,
2. GOOD TIDINGS,
3. EXPLOSIVE

4 MADANNA PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), 4-y-o and upward, rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 2.20: 1. Ayur Tej (7) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Riffa (4) Shivansh 60, 3. Star Cruise (9) P. Ajeeth Kumar 60, 4. Samrat (1) Mohit Singh 59.5, 5. First Class (5) D.S. Deora 59, 6. Silver Lining (8) Md. Ekram Alam 58.5, 7. Good Day (2) Surya Prakash 57, 8. Ella Eldingar (3) G. Naresh 54 and 9. Ar Superior (6) Santosh Raj 52.
1. AYUR TEJ, 2. SILVER LINING,
3. STAR CRUISE

5 FOREST TREASURE PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65, 2.55: 1. City Of Bliss (7) P. Ajeeth Kumar 60, 2. Morior Invictus (9) Aneel 59, 3. Top In Class (12) Mukesh Kumar 57.5, 4. Above The Law (10) Mohit Singh 56.5, 5. All Time Legend (5) S. Saqlain 55.5, 6. Laurus (1) Akshay Kumar 55.5, 7. Hard To Toss (2) G. Naresh 54, 8. Sun Dancer (13) Rafique Sk. 54, 9. Garnet (11) D.S. Deora 53.5, 10. Doe A Deer (6) Afroz Khan 52.5, 11. Indian Temple (8) Surya Prakash 52.5, 12. Ice Berry (4) Nakhat Singh 52 and13. Angel Tesoro (3) Gaurav Singh 51.5.
1. CITY OF BLISS,
2. LAURUS,
3. ALL TIME LEGEND

6 MALVADO PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3.30: 1. D Yes Boss (8) P. Ajeeth Kumar 60, 2. Sally (9) S. Saqlain 60, 3. Golden Forza (7) D.S. Deora 57, 4. Plethora (4) Nakhat Singh 56, 5. Quality Warrior (3) Aneel 56, 6. Blast In Class (1) Suraj Narredu 54, 7. Hot Seat (6) Akshay Kumar 54, 8. Fatuma (5) Kuldeep S 53, 9. The Hambone (10) G. Naresh 53 and 10. Challenger (2) Surya Prakash 50.5.
1. D YES BOSS,
2. BLAST IN CLASS,
3. HOT SEAT

7 ELITE ZONE PLATE (1,400m), rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II), 4.05: 1. Premier Action (3) Mukesh Kumar 62, 2. Mark My Day (6) Md. Ekram Alam 57.5, 3. Shazam (4) D.S. Deora 56.5, 4. Stunning Force (5) Mohit Singh 53.5, 5. Trump Star (7) S. Saqlain 53.5, 6. Lifes Song (–), 7. N R I Sport (8) Santosh Raj 53, 8. Thanks (2) Kuldeep S 52 and 9. N R I Sun (1) G. Naresh 50.
1. THANKS,
2. SHAZAM,
3. PREMIER ACTION

8 FOREST TREASURE PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65, 4.40: 1. Red Snaper (12) Afroz Khan 60, 2. Briar Ridge (3) Santosh Raj 59, 3. Beauty On Parade (1) D.S. Deora 57, 4. City Of Blessing (13) P. Ajeeth Kumar 57, 5. Exotic Dancer (8) G. Naresh 54.5, 6. Malaala (4) Kiran Naidu 54.5, 7. Silk (7) Aneel 54, 8. Rhythm Selection (11) Koushik 53, 9. Star Racer (5) Surya Prakash 53, 10. Costello (10) Mohit Singh 52, 11. Ambitious Star (9) Gaurav Singh 51.5, 12. Top Diamond (6) Rafique Sk. 51 and 13. Ok Boss (2) Uday Kiran P 50.5.
1. BEAUTY ON PARADE,
2. BRIAR RIDGE,
3. MALAALA

9 SWAMY RAMANANDA TIRTHA PLATE (1,400m) Maiden, 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 5.15: 1. Clefairy (11) Santosh Raj 60, 2. Coming Home (1) D.S. Deora 57, 3. Power Ranger (3) Aneel 57, 4. Bien Pensant (5) Neeraj 56.5, 5. Classical Music (12) Gaurav Singh 56.5, 6. Fresh Hope (7) Rafique Sk. 55.5, 7. London Bell (4) Nakhat Singh 55.5, 8. Sorry Darlingg (9) Afroz Khan 55.5, 9. Saint Emilion (10) Kiran Naidu 55, 10. Life Is Good (8) Mohit Singh 54.5, 11. My Way Or Highway (14) Koushik 54.5, 12. Survivor (13) Surya Prakash 54.5, 13. Black Opal (6) S. Saqlain 53.5 and 14. Ilango (2) G. Naresh 53.
1. BIEN PENSANT,
2. CLASSICAL MUSIC,
3. CLEFAIRY
Day's best: **AYUR TEJ.**
Jackpot: (i) 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. (ii) 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9.
Mini Jackpot: (i) 2, 3, 4 & 5. (ii) 6, 7, 8 & 9.
Treble: (i) 1, 2 & 3. (ii) 4, 5 & 6. (iii) 7, 8 & 9.
Tanala: All races.

Vinesh, Sakshi among five nominated for BBC ISWOTY Award

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NEW DELHI

Wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik were among five athletes nominated on Monday for the BBC Indian Sportswoman Of The Year (ISWOTY) award.

Others who made the cut were Tokyo Olympics silver medallist weightlifter Mirabai Chanu, ace shuttler P.V. Sindhu and boxer Nikhat Zareen.

The athletes were shortlisted after a panel of jury, consisting sports journalists and writers, voted for their preferred players, based on their achievements.

The winner will be chosen by a public vote that began on Monday and will continue till February 20 midnight. The winner will be announced on March 5.

Rupa Jha, Head of India BBC News, announced that they have introduced a new award category – BBC Indian para-sportswoman of the year.

Ekta Bhyan, the 2018 Asian para Games gold medallist, welcomed the move.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Ullal replaces Sharath in Ranji Trophy squad

Nihal Ullal has replaced B.R. Sharath in Karnataka's Ranji Trophy squad ahead of the semifinal against Saurashtra which begins at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Wednesday. The first-choice wicketkeeper was ill during the quarterfinal clash against Uttarakhand and was often replaced on the field by substitute 'keeper Sharath Srinivas.

The squad: Mayank Agarwal (Capt.), R. Samarth, Devdutt Padikkal, Nikin Jose, Manish Pandey, K.V. Siddharth, B.R. Sharath, Sharath Srinivas, K. Gowtham, Shreyas Gopal, Shubhang Hegde, Vidwath Kaverappa, V. Koushik, V. Vyshak, M. Venkatesh.

Muddappa strikes it rich

Team Mantra Racing's drag racer Hemanth Muddappa won the top-two premier classes and added another podium for a rich haul in the 8th edition of the Vroom Drag meet here on Sunday.

Muddappa, who recently annexed his 10th Indian National title at the Madras International Circuit, won the top two events beating Mohammed Riyaz and Sean Rogers, and took second place in 551cc behind Riyaz.

Champion: The victorious Ramaiah Institute of Technology squad. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Results (provisional): Group D 1051 to 1650cc: 1. Hemanth Muddappa 9.985 secs; 2. Mohammed Riyaz 10.149; 3. Zubair Ali Jung 10.165; **Group D 851 to 1050cc:** 1. Muddappa 9.710; 2. Sean Rogers Pachigalla 9.746; 3. Faheem Y.Y. Zahran 9.857; **Group E 551cc and above:** 1. Riyaz 9.746; 2. Muddappa 9.791; Saurabh Parab 9.799.

RIT hoopsters triumph

Ramaiah Institute of Technology beat MLRIT 84-81 to win the All India inter-collegiate basketball championship organised by BITS Pilani, Hyderabad.

The result (final): RIT, Bengaluru 84 (Akshan 22, Dinesh 16, Karthik 10 bt MLRIT, Telangana 81 (Gowtham 18, Sravan 14).

Dhushal stars in Metro's win

Dhushal scored a brace as Metro HC defeated V. Raja HC 4-2 in the KSHA Super Division hockey league here on Monday.

The results: 5C SC 2 (Anand 23, 25) bt Shlok HC 1 (Yeshwanth 21); Metro HC 4 (Dhushal 20, 42, Jaya Prathap 45, Sudhan 48) bt V. Raja HC 2 (43, 47).

Alchemy International FA and The Sports School take the honours

Alchemy International Football Academy and The Sports School emerged the under-15 and under-13 category champions respectively in the KSFA Youth Premier League being held here.

The results (finals): U-15: Alchemy Intl FA 1 (P.S. Nihal 40) bt Kickstart 0; **U-13:** The Sports School 1 (Rohan Maniram 8) bt Kickstart 0.

Kevin nets a brace as Bangalore Warriors has it easy

Kevin Lourd Nadan scored twice as Bangalore Warriors FC blanked Vehicles FC 4-0 in the BDFA B-division football league here on Monday.

The results: Royals FC 1 (R. Saleem 24) drew with Md. Sporting FC 1 (Hyyan Aijaz Shaikh 68); Bangalore Warriors FC 4 (Kevin Lourd Nadan 12, 33, M. Bharath 24, W. Arvind Raj 70) bt Vehicles FC 0.